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Playoffs. L.A. Kings say sorry for tweet taunting Canucks fans

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The L.A. Kings have apologized for making a very public post-game dig at the Canucks after their 4-2 loss Wednesday night.

In the moments after Los Angeles skated to their Game 1 victory, a message posted to the team's Twitter account took a shot at Vancouver: "To everyone in Canada outside of BC, you're welcome."

Canucks fans were quick to accuse the Kings of lacking class, and by late Thursday morning the Kings' vice-president of communications and content, Mike Altieri, had sent out an email retraction.

"We encourage our digital team to be creative, interactive and to apply a sense of humour whenever possible," he said. "To anyone who found this offensive, we sincerely apologize."

Some Canucks fans found the ribbing funny, but others bit back on Twitter.

"To the @VanCanucks hating Canadians: When (your) teams are actually good enough to make the playoffs, then talk. Otherwise shove it!" tweeted one fan, Roxy.

"Keep chirping @LAKings we'll see you in Game 2," taunted another named Kate.

Others took it in stride.

"As a @VanCanucks fan, I thought the @LAKings tweet was hilarious. It felt like good-natured ribbing to me," said Cameron.

Dave tweeted a similar sentiment: "Speaking as a @VanCanucks fan, I'm disappointed the @LAKings had to apologize for their troll tweet. Official accounts must be boring? Yawn."

The Canucks have drawn criticism during a successful two seasons that have seen them capture the Presidents' Trophy twice and fall one game short of the Stanley Cup last year.

The team is considered a strong Stanley Cup contender again and entered the series with Los Angeles as a heavy favourite.

Game 2 is on Friday night at Rogers Arena.

CANUCKS VS. KINGS: TAKE 2

Fans cheer as the Vancouver Canucks hit the ice on Wednesday for NHL Stanley Cup playoff action against the L.A. Kings. The teams are back at it on Friday at Rogers Arena. More coverage, turn to pages 6 and 34. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The ballad of Jim Green

Musicians and others are gathering Saturday to pay tribute to the late councillor and social activist PAGE 3

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Jane Goodall hopes her new film, Chimpanzee, will spark kids' interest in animals and nature PAGE 25

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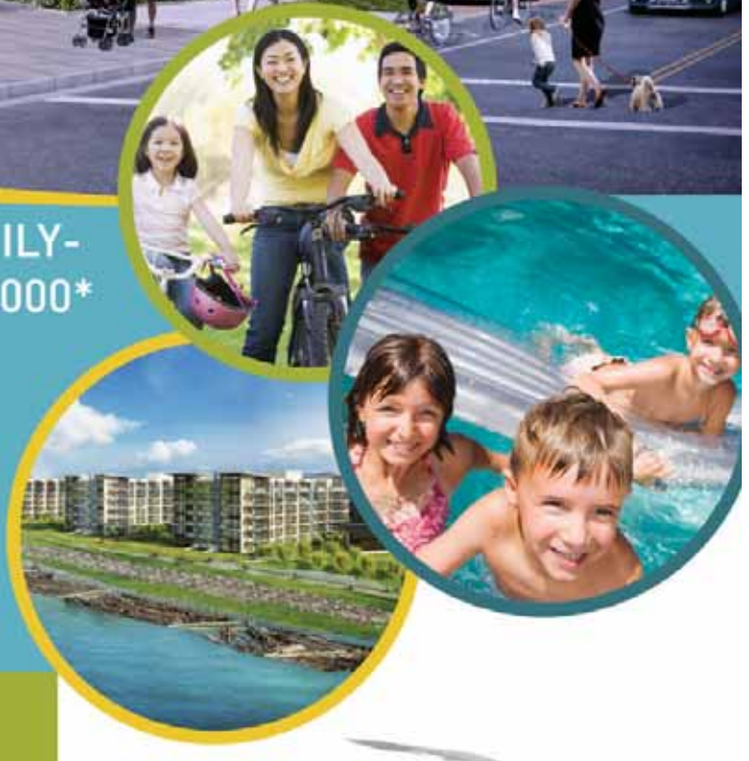

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A song for Jim Green

Remembering Green.
A choir will sing at a memorial to celebrate the life of the long-time social activist

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Dan Grasso will take to the stage together with singers from the Woodward's community choir to remember the life and legacy of Jim Green.

Grasso, 72, co-ordinator of the choir who has been a Downtown Eastside resident for 20 years, said he has looked up to Green — a former Vancouver councillor and long-time social activist who died in February following a battle with cancer — because he was a champion of the DTES.

"He's an idol to me because he has made the eastside a community," Grasso said. "He's a builder of communities. When he took on the project of Woodward's and made it happen, it became a reality. I'm now a recipient of that reality because I live here at Woodward's."

A public memorial for Green will take place Saturday at the Orpheum Theatre from 1:30 — 3:30 p.m.

"I'm going to be proud that I'm there singing for him because he is an inspiration to me," Grasso said.

Vanessa Richards, Green's long-time friend and director of the choir, said Green was very involved in the development of the group and was the one who introduced the singers to opera.

Richards recalled the time when Green called her and asked if the choir could perform opera at a private ceremony two days before he died.

"We were aware that he could've asked anybody in the whole area region, province, country to come sing opera for him but he asked our little choir," she said. "I think that's indicative of his belief in the power of people and the creativity and the value of every voice being lifted."

"We were also humbled to be asked to sing at the Orpheum," she added.

"We're not opera singers but it's the power of who Jim is and his vision of an inclusive and creative city."

Jim Green, right, receives the Freedom of the City award from Mayor Gregor Robertson earlier this year. A public memorial will be held for the late city councillor and advocate Saturday. CONTRIBUTED

Vote on for women's housing grant

A concept drawing for the upcoming women's housing development in the DTES. CONTRIBUTED

Vancouver City Council will vote next week on a proposed $92,000 grant to finish construction of a 12-unit affordable housing development for women in the Downtown Eastside.

"This new housing project will provide safe, supportive housing that is desperately needed for some of our most marginalized women," said Mayor Gregor Robertson, who called for council's unanimous support for the grant.

Janice Abbott, CEO of Atira Women's Resource Society, which will operate the supportive housing complex upon completion, said that much of the complex will be dedicated to women over the age of 55.

Six of the units will be priced at the welfare rate of $375 per month, the rest at higher rates, and all will be provided with 24/7 staff support.

Coun. Adriane Carr asked why only six of the units are to be welfare-priced, to which Abbott replied that much of the project is to be financed. "We have rent to pay, too," she said Thursday. Overall Carr praised the development's goals and structure. "So many women, they don't feel safe at all in shelters," she said. "There needs to be housing like this, that's specifically aimed at women and their needs."

If approved, the grant would supplement existing funding from groups like the MC Quarters modular housing company and BC Hydro.

One of the units from BC Hydro was on display during the 2010 Olympics, and was named "House of the Future" in honour of its energy efficiency.

Carr agreed with Abbott that council will likely approve the application. "We absolutely need a wider ranger of housing options in the city," Carr said.

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Green child care. New centre puts kids at the forefront of sustainability

One of Canada's greenest facilities is not a high-end condo or office in downtown Vancouver, but a childcare centre on Burnaby Mountain.

The UniverCity Childcare Centre opened its doors Thursday as the greenest childcare facility in the world.

The $3.2 million net zero centre is expected to generate as much energy as it uses, collect more water than it consumes, and is built and operated using non-toxic locally sourced materials.

With two levels, fluorescent lamps, solar panels, and windows to maximize light and reduce electricity use, the building cost 15 to 20 per cent less to build than other childcare facilities in the region without the green features.

"This building has accomplished what no one thought could be accomplished in environmental changes … Being able to make green affordable is the key to making green a part of our lives," said Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan.

A look inside UniverCity Childcare. CONTRIBUTED

Sara Cooke, whose four-year-old son Finn is one of 25 students currently attending the facility, said the program challenges her son and encourages him to explore his interests.

"Finn is a very curious little boy and one of the teachers here has a background working as an educator at Science World," she said. "We're looking forward to him doing some science experiments, making new friends, and getting more comfortable in a social environment."

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

New hospital announced. Burns Lake recovering from sawmill blast

A new hospital is being built in the northern B.C. community where a massive explosion and fire tore through the village's main sawmill three months ago, killing two workers and injuring 19.

Nechako Lakes MLA John Rustad says Burns Lake, 200 kilometres west of Prince George, has needed a new hospital for some time.

Building and staffing the new hospital is expected to create about 200 direct jobs in the community still reeling from the loss of the Babine Forest Products sawmill.

Plans call for an acute care ward of up to 16 beds, room for emergency services, diagnostic imaging, a lab, pharmacy and a procedure room large enough to convert to an operating room in an emergency.

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Wildlife crimes. SFU prof hopes to crack down on illegal poaching in B.C.

Poachers beware: scientists are now able to identify whether an animal was killed legally or illegally, a Simon Fraser University professor said Thursday.

Gail Anderson, a professor in the School of Criminology at SFU, is working with the World Wildlife Fund and leading the way in using wildlife forensic science in the prosecution of wildlife crimes.

According to TRAFFIC International, a wildlife trade monitoring network, the illegal trade of animals over the past decade is worth more than $10 billion. In Canada, grizzly and black bears, big horned sheep, eagles, antelope elk and deer are often targeted for trophies or their organs.

Anderson's research involves using insects that have fed on animal corpses to place the time of death or identify how long an animal has been dead.

She hopes to take her techniques to the field and teach B.C. conservation officers how to properly collect samples and build a case to prosecute wildlife crimes.

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

Whitecaps co-owner Jeff Mallet, left, introduces former VANOC CEO John Furlong as the club's new executive chairman Thursday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Olympic-size goals for Whitecaps exec

Major League Soccer. 2010 Olympics boss John Furlong named Vancouver Whitecaps executive chair

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The Blue and White is as good as gold for the Vancouver Whitecaps' new executive chair.

John Furlong, the man responsible for pulling off the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver as VANOC CEO, is now looking to make a splash in professional sports after being named the newest, and most senior, executive of the Major League Soccer club.

The 61-year-old Irishman with deep Vancouver roots didn't shy away from Olympic-size outlooks at his unveiling Thursday.

"After the Olympic games are over, it's difficult to know what to do when you've had an experience like that. But for me this is now my life. This is what I want to do," Furlong told media. "You sit and listen to the owners talking about how they want to develop great Canadian players and make it possible for every single child in the province to have a ball and make this the game that every child wants to play … this is nobility in sport and this is what we have. It's the kind of thing I want to do with my life."

Day-to-day operations of the club will still largely fall to president Bob Lenarduzzi and chief operating officer Rachel Lewis.

Furlong is expected to take on a significant role in developing the club's culture, acting on behalf of the owners (Greg Kerfoot, Jeff Mallett, Steve Nash and Steve Luczo) and developing the team's outreach program.

His experience, reputation and connections in both sporting and government circles will also be an asset, according to Lenarduzzi.

"(Furlong) will be providing a lot of leadership and innovation. Most people associate us with the team they see on the field, but by the time Greg Kerfoot took over the team it was clear it was more than that. It was about giving back to the community and growing the sport," said Lenarduzzi. "We liaise with government on a number of initiatives. John has those connections and will help us further."

Furlong's appointment is effective immediately.

Addiction didn't stop victim from testifying

Crown counsel Randi Connor DARYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A sex worker's heroin addiction that prompted prosecutors to effectively drop an attempted murder case against Robert Pickton in the late 1990s didn't prevent the woman from testifying five years later as the serial killer faced multiple murder charges, a public inquiry heard Thursday.

Crown counsel Randi Connor has already testified she stayed the charges in January 1998 because she felt the victim was too strung out and incoherent to be a reliable witness — a conclusion she reached after a single meeting with the woman less than two weeks before trial. The woman was attacked in March of the previous year.

But prosecutors preparing for Pickton's multiple murder trial, who were again confronted with a woman they felt was too impaired to put on the stand, successfully worked with the police to clean her up and prepare her for the serial killer's preliminary hearing, the inquiry heard.

The woman testified in April 2003, providing a vivid account of the night she nearly died of stab wounds at Pickton's farm in Port Coquitlam.

Several lawyers who have been critical of the Crown's decision to stay the charges against Pickton have pointed to the victim's ability to testify in 2003 to suggest Crown prosecutors were too quick to dismiss the woman and that Pickton could have been put on trial for attempted murder in 1998.

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Heat goalie shuts out cancer

Fight of his life. NHL player, who will shave his head at Cuts for the Cure, says overcoming cancer gave him determination

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Abbotsford Heat netminder Leland Irving is putting his locks on the line for a cause that hits close to home.

Irving will be taking part in Cuts for the Cure Sunday, which sees fans and other Heat players shave their heads to raise money for the B.C. Cancer Foundation. Last year, the campaign raised $18,000.

"I have a soft spot for cancer patients especially young kids who fight for their lives," said Irving, who's enjoyed going back and forth between the Heat and the Calgary Flames this season. "It takes a lot to beat this disease and any chance we get to help out is great."

He can relate to them because he had won his fight with cancer as a child.

"It started as what looked like a bug bite on the top of my ear and it continued to grow," said Irving, 23. After a trip to the doctor, he found out that he had rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer. He was only seven.

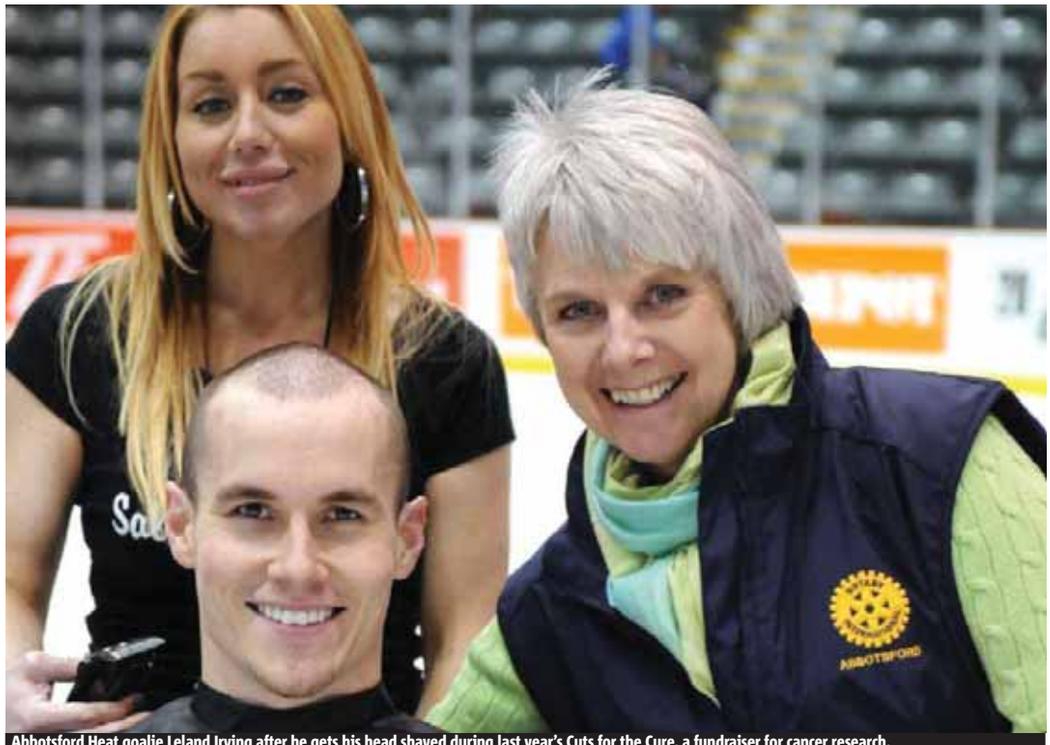
Irving endured 13 months of chemotherapy before doctors told him he was cancer free.

And all the while he was going through treatment, Irving said his family and hockey allowed him to live a normal life. He said he only missed one hockey game and practice.

Irving's dream of making it to the NHL came true after being a Flames first-round pick in 2006. He made his NHL debut last December, making 39 saves in a shootout loss to the Florida Panthers. He earned his first win in his second start against the Vancouver Canucks later that same month.

Irving has been healthy and is enjoying being a new dad after his daughter Halle was born earlier this month. He said beating cancer taught him a lot.

"It allowed me to overcome any obstacles and gave me a huge work ethic and determination to fight through anything that comes my way," Irving said.



Abbotsford Heat goalie Leland Irving after he gets his head shaved during last year's Cuts for the Cure, a fundraiser for cancer research.
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Canuck's fan Towel Power Man sports new jacket

Towel Power Man Dave Preece stands proud in his new suit jacket, sewn by his wife Kailey Preece, outside Rogers Arena. KATE WEBB/METRO

Engineering contract writer Dave Preece can hardly walk down the street wearing his snazzy new suit jacket without someone stopping to take a picture of him as his Canucks super-fan alter-ego: Towel Power Man.

The jacket, a patchwork of 13 or so Canucks towels sewn together by his skilled and dedicated wife, is a reinvention of his old look, which included towel pants, a towel shirt and a towel cape.

"My wife spent the last 14 hours or so sewing this together, so it's all made out of a preexisting suit," he explained in the hours before Game 1.

"We got a great response from it and had so many requests throughout the years to make different things, so this year we decided to go a little bit more business and we have the new Towel Power suit jacket."

Preece said the formal look was a natural progression from the outfit he has worn during playoffs since 2007, because "we mean business this year."

He's as pumped about the Canucks' first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs as any super-fan, but said something feels different this year. "I'm really relaxed about it. The city just seems to be relaxed," he said at the pre-game party outside Rogers Arena Wednesday.

The next level

"We got a great response from it .... so this year we decided to go a little bit more business and we have the new Towel Power suit jacket."
Dave Preece, Towel Power Man

"Last year, you know, we came in and it was just tense from the very start, this year we're all of a sudden kind of calm, so we're just going with the flow."

He has strong faith in his team despite Wednesday night's 4-2 loss to the L.A. Kings, and plans to mingle with fans in his Towel Power pants, shirt and new suit jacket outside Rogers Arena ahead of Game 2 Friday night.

"I'm figuring Canucks in six. Would like it to be a little less than that, but we'll see."

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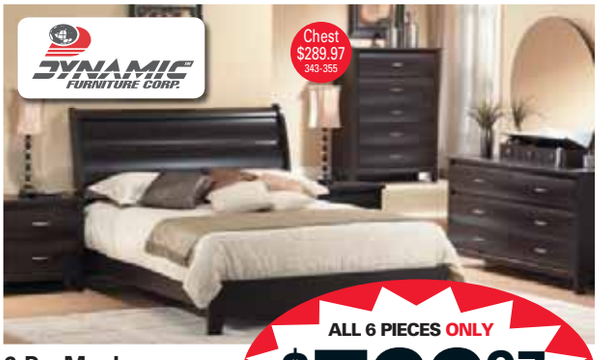

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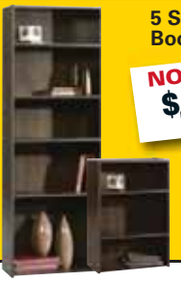

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Piping hot. SFU band touts 30 years of success

The world's best pipe band is set to hit the stage in Vancouver for the first time in five years this weekend.

The Simon Fraser University Pipe Band has six world championships and 10 CDs under their kilts, and will celebrate 30 years of pipe blowing at the Vogue Theatre on Sunday.

"We've played in many great venues and at competitions around the world but there's nothing like performing in our own backyard," said Pipe Major Terry Lee who has been at the band's helm for the past three decades.

For Lee, placing in the top three at the Glasgow World Pipe Band Championship for 14 consecutive years is representative of the bond that the 54 band members share.

The world-famous SFU Pipe Band CONTRIBUTED

"(The band) attracts players from around the world as a destination place to play. People move to Vancouver specifically to play with the band," said Lee.

The band will perform at the Vogue Theatre on Sunday before heading to New York on May 4 to record their 11th CD.

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Dragon Dog. Local restaurant has world's priciest hotdog

A Vancouver restauranteur is now officially top dog in the wiener game, nabbing the Guinness World Record for the most expensive hotdog.

DougieDog Hot Dogs serves their now-famous Dragon Dog for the high, high price of $100, which Guinness certified this week as the highest for a hotdog anywhere in the world.

The prior record was $69. "We just blew that out of the water," DougieDog owner Dougie Luv bragged Thursday.

The Dragon Dog features Kobe beef infused with "$2,400 per bottle" Louis XIII cognac

Dougie Luv. GRAHAM TEMPLETON/METRO

and smothered in fresh lobster, truffles, tomatoes, and ricotta cheese. DougieDog has sold almost 400 of the monster dogs since its release in late January.

GRAHAM TEMPLETON/FOR METRO

Doc shows how race affects healthcare

While many downplay the role of race and ethnicity in public life, one documentary filmmaker wants Canadians to remember that it can still be a vitally important.

Mixed Match is an upcoming documentary following several people in search of bone marrow transplants to treat their chronic blood diseases, all of whom have encountered the same problem: their mixed-race background makes genetic matches extremely difficult to find.

"A lot of Canadians don't even like the word race," Vancouver filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns said Thursday. "They don't like that it might be important to think about race in our healthcare system."

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'Heart of Dankness' delves into world of pot connoisseurs

'Cannabis Cup'. Author documents his journey to find the world's finest reefer

L.A. Times contributor Mark Haskell Smith is the author of a new book, Heart of Dankness, which looks at the culture, business and botany behind the international marijuana industry. KATE WEBB/METRO

Author and L.A. Times contributor Mark Haskell Smith has smoked a lot of dope, but he doesn't want that to deter people who have not from reading his new book, "Heart of Dankness."

It documents his journey from the medical marijuana dispensaries of California to the coffee shops of Amsterdam in search of the world's finest reefer. It's there where he meets the underground botanists behind the race for the "Cannabis Cup," a fierce international competition that is to pot connoisseurs what the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles is to wine aficionados.

"A lot of people who write about this world are a part of that world, so they're preaching to the choir, and I wanted to write a book that people who didn't smoke anything, didn't know anything, could read and really have kind of an armchair tour of this really amazing subculture," said Haskell Smith during a brief stop on his book tour in Vancouver Thursday.

"Dankness," as Haskell Smith found out in his research, is a term that is hard to define, but the award-winning writer does his darnedest. Depending who you ask, it can be an ephemeral quality of very well bred marijuana, or the sense of community among people opposed to anti-marijuana laws.

If it's the latter, Haskell Smith is definitely an outspoken advocate of dankness.

"I think that everyone in North America could learn from (Holland's) soft-drug policy," he said, explaining he believes the war on drugs allows criminals to push harder substances on people who would otherwise stick to pot.

"In Holland they realized that if we just let people buy cannabis, we'll sever that connection to all those hard drugs… it keeps people, particularly teenagers, from getting into heroin or something."

He said the Canadian government "should be ashamed of themselves" for extraditing Vancouver's own "Prince of Pot," Marc Emery — "a guy who sold gardening supplies" — to the U.S., where he remains incarcerated.

Part creative non-fiction, part travel guide, Haskell Smith's latest work runs the risk of following the trajectory of other memoirs such as "Eat Pray Love," which sparked a tourism boom after it became of best-seller, with thousands of readers tracing the author's footsteps. He said that was kind of the idea.

"They could go to the Grey Area coffee shop, smoke a little Chocolope, you know, walk over here, there's tons they could do," he said, referencing a famous coffee shop in the book that sells some of the "dankest" Mary Jane in the world. "They'll have a good time."

If Amsterdam isn't in the cards, readers can still have a good time just sitting back and absorbing "Heart of Dankness" from the comfort of their living rooms — or witness the culture first-hand next Friday at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Young Canadians should take risks: Business experts

Two Canadian business experts have a very simple message for the next generation of ambitious young Canadians: Adapt or die.

Eric Gales, president of Microsoft Canada, said Tuesday that young people must be willing to take risks and innovate if they wish to close the "well documented" productivity gap between Canada and the U.S.

"If you look at the global economy," Gales said, "you need people who are adaptable, who are prepared to take risks."

Murali Chandrashekaran, associate dean of UBC's Sauder School of Business, added that Canada has a greater need for innovative people than most countries.

"Canada is pretty stable right now," he said. "Where will our pressure come from — our fire?"

Chandrashekaran said that the issue should be looked at from the perspective of national competitiveness.

"It's just vital," he said. "We should be thinking: Where do we intervene for this? At the university level, or as early as primary school?"

"Companies need to adapt or they fail," Gales said. "The same goes for countries."

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Manitoba to appeal assault sentencing

Graham James. Victims of sexual abuse by ex-hockey coach applaud appeal

Graham James arrives at court in Winnipeg . JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victims of Graham James say Manitoba's Justice Department is doing the "right thing" by appealing the two-year sentence handed to the former hockey coach who sexually abused two of his teenage players hundreds of times.

James was sentenced last month for sexually assaulting former NHL star Theo Fleury and his cousin, Todd Holt, when they played for him in the Western Hockey League in the 1980s and '90s.

The sentence, handed down by Winnipeg Judge Catherine Carlson, prompted widespread outrage from both James's victims and the public. Under the sentence, James could apply for parole and be released by the end of the year.

Holt said he had mixed emotions because he thought the James case was closed. But he said, overall, he's happy the sentence is being appealed.

"I think this is a decision made by all of us, every person out there who thought that the two-year sentence was awful," said Holt in an interview.

"It was an embarrassment. It was a travesty. If people are trying to correct that, it would be great."

Even if the appeal isn't successful, Holt said it sends an important message to other child molesters and victims.

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Students killed when Mexican bus collided with truck

Emergency responders stand next to a passenger bus that was struck by a cargo truck on a highway on the outskirts of Mexico City, Thursday. The bus was carrying students from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) headed to do field studies. At least six students and one professor were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Budget cuts. Crime agenda weakened: Union

The Conservatives' tough-on-crime agenda is weakened by federal budget cuts, the union representing border guards said Thursday.

Union officials say chopping $143 million from the Canada Border Services Agency budget over the next three years will hamper its ability to catch child pornography, drugs and terrorists at the border.

The cuts represent more than 1,300 jobs, including intelligence officers and front line agents, the union said.

Cracking down on sexual offences and illegal drugs has been a key focus for the Conservatives, as has border security.

When they were elected in 2006, they increased the number of officers by 400 and since then they've added a further 1,600 new positions, according to figures provided by Public Safety.

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Registry. Lift long-arm data, lawyers argue

Federal lawyers were set to argue in a Montreal courtroom Friday that an injunction protecting long-arm registry data should be lifted.

A Quebec Superior Court justice agreed last week to order a delay in the deletion by Ottawa of registry data originating from Quebec. The ruling came after a request by Quebec's Charest government. It means Quebecers are still obliged to register their weapons and that the registry data for the province will be preserved and maintained.

Federal lawyers claim the injunction is unnecessary because they say there will be no destruction of documents until at least August. The bill to end the federal long-gun registry received royal assent last week and became law everywhere but Quebec.

Quebec has said it wants to conserve the long-arm data for its own provincial registry.

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Social issues, including abortion, heat up Alberta election debate

Alberta's leaders debate heated up Thursday when Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith reiterated she has no plans to legislate on abortion and again hammered at Premier Alison Redford, accusing her of fear-mongering on the issue.

Smith, who just recently revealed she is personally pro-choice, has been fighting fears that the social-conservative wing of her party would use new citizen-initiated referendum rules to overturn contentious issues such as public funding for abortion.

During the debate, she insisted her party will nevertheless support citizen-initiated referendums because it is a way for citizens to have a say.

"It's nothing but fear-mongering by a government that is on the run and worried about its opposition and competition," Smith charged.

"The reason it has come up is because the Wildrose has talked about doing it — it's part of their party platform," Redford retorted. "Three weeks ago, we heard from this leader that her personal views didn't matter. Then we heard that she would take her marching orders from her party. Then we heard that her caucus was important, then we heard her own personal views.

Conservative leader Alison Redford and Liberal Leader Raj Sherman take part in a debate during the Alberta Election Leaders Debate in Edmonton on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I will tell you that in our view, a Progressive Conservative view, everyone in our caucus, takes the view that these matters have been settled. They do not need to be raised again."

But Raj Sherman of the Liberals said Redford has no moral authority on the subject because her government has sanctioned the bullying of doctors.

NDP Leader Brian Mason said that in the United States, such referendums allow special interest groups to impose their views on the majority.

"The Americanization of our political system that the Wildrose prefers with citizen-initiated referenda and so on allows special interests to hijack the political agenda, because it is not usually the citizen themselves, the ordinary person."

Smith has also come under fire for her party's position on so-called conscience rights — the concept that public workers should be allowed to opt out of their sworn duties, such as performing abortions or marrying gay couples, if the work runs counter to their religious or moral beliefs.

The election is now in the home stretch with 10 days to go until voters mark their ballots on April 23.

Polls put the Progressive Conservatives and the Wildrose party neck and neck, raising the possibility of a minority government in the 87-seat legislature.

The leaders will hold a second debate next Thursday over the lunch hour at CBC's downtown Edmonton studio. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Muzzle. Free-speech group announces award winners

The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression announced Thursday its "Muzzle" awards.

The centre in Charlottesville, Va., bestows the Muzzles annually to mark the April 13 birthday of its namesake, a free-speech advocate and the nation's third president.

Centre director Josh Wheeler says several of the 2012 winners earned their Muzzles for engaging in viewpoint censorship, which the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and the state's legislature won its Muzzle for adopting a National Rifle Association-backed law that largely prohibits physicians from asking patients about firearms in their homes or discussing gun safety.

The U.S. State Department won a Muzzle for disinviting a Palestinian political cartoonist from a government-sponsored conference that was to highlight, ironically enough, the importance of free speech and freedom of the press.

A professor at Sam Houston State University in Texas was cited for cutting the "f-word" from a university-approved "free-speech wall," on which students were invited to express themselves by writing on the wall's parchment paper.

A full list can be found at the website of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression at tjcenter.org.

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Virus

U.S. child gets swine flu

U.S. officials are reporting a new case of human infection with a swine-origin H3N2 flu virus.

The case is in a child in Utah who had exposure to pigs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb squad

Bomb scare in N.Y.

A toy grenade was to blame for an evacuation Thursday at a building near New York's Ground Zero, authorities said. The police bomb squad was called to 2 World Financial Center.

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Zimmerman appears in court on murder charge

On trial. Man accused of second-degree murder in fatal shooting of teenager Trayvon Martin

George Zimmerman, centre, stands with a Seminole County deputy and his attorney, Mark O'Mara, during a court hearing on Thursday in Sanford, Fla.

GARY W. GREEN/ ORLANDO SENTINEL, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neighbourhood-watch volunteer George Zimmerman made his first court appearance Thursday on a second-degree murder charge in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

His hair was shaved down to stubble and he had a thin goatee, which appeared consistent with his booking photo from the day before.

He had resurfaced Wednesday to turn himself in after weeks in hiding.

Judge Mark E. Herr said he found probable cause to move ahead with the case and that an arraignment would be held on May 29 before another judge.

The prosecutors must prove Zimmerman's shooting of Martin was rooted in hatred or ill will and counter his claims that he shot Martin to protect himself while patrolling his gated community in the Orlando suburb of Sanford.

Zimmerman's lawyers would only have to prove by a preponderance of evidence — a relatively low legal standard — that he acted in self-defence at a pretrial hearing to prevent the case from going to trial.

Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to prosecute the person who shot their son.

"The question I would really like to ask him is, if he could look into Trayvon's eyes and see how innocent he was, would he have then pulled the trigger? Or would he have just let him go on home?" said his father, Tracy Martin.

Many attorneys said they had expected the prosecutor to opt for the lesser charge of manslaughter. The most severe homicide charge, first-degree murder, is subject to the death penalty in Florida and requires premeditation — something all sides agreed was not present in this case.

"I predicted manslaughter, so I'm a little surprised," said Michael Seigel, a former federal prosecutor who now teaches law at the University of Florida. "But she has more facts than I do."

Mark O'Mara, Zimmerman's attorney, said his client would plead not guilty and invoke Florida's so-called "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide latitude to use deadly force rather than retreat during a fight.

The confrontation took place in a gated community where Martin was staying with his father and his father's fiancée. Martin was walking back in the rain from a convenience store when Zimmerman spotted him and called police. He followed the teenager despite being told not to by a police dispatcher and the two got into a struggle.

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Rafferty obsessed with Stafford news stories, court told

Testimony. Former companion says he talked about child abductions

In the days following Victoria Stafford's disappearance, the man accused of killing her was "constantly checking the news" about the story, court in London heard Thursday.

Michael Rafferty's trial is hearing from a long string of former girlfriends and female friends, many of whom were seeing him around the time of Tori's April 8, 2009, death.

Sarah Hodge testified that she met Rafferty on the dating website Plenty of Fish and first met him in person on April 14, 2009.

Hodge said Rafferty talked with her about kidnapping children, saying how abducted kids can grow up thinking their abductors are their parents.

Michael Rafferty
DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He was always checking newspaper and TV reports about Tori's disappearance and claimed to have "inside information" on Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, she said.

Hodge said that at the time there was no back seat in Rafferty's car.

The back seat was gone when police arrested Rafferty in May 2009, and various people have testified about seeing it in the car at points throughout the spring of that year.

But it remains unclear whether it was there on April 8, the day Rafferty allegedly kidnapped Tori in his car with Terri-Lynne McClintic.

Court heard Wednesday from an expert witness that traces of blood found in the back of Rafferty's car almost certainly belonged to Tori.

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A journey of a thousand miles

Roland Fox, Terry Fox's father, helps unveil the Terry Fox Mile 0 sculpture in St. John's, N.L., Thursday. The new monument marks the moment Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope. GRAHAM KENNEDY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anniversary getting little attention

The Harper government says it will mark the 30th anniversary of the patriation of the Constitution — by issuing a couple of news releases.

Heritage Minister James Moore says he will commemorate the Constitution's birthday next week by releasing a statement, as will the federal Justice Department.

The Prime Minister's Office says there are no plans to hold a formal event for the anniversary.

The Tories' approach differs greatly from Liberal party plans to mark the occasion with a rally featuring former prime minister Jean Chrétien.

The Constitution was patriated on April 17, 1982, under the watch of then-Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Moore says he believes in the Constitution's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the idea of having a framework that protects citizens from the state.

He says his upcoming statement will follow a recent House of Commons acknowledgment by Conservative MP Michael Chong of the Constitution's importance.

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Stranger than fiction.
Fictional Titan hit iceberg years before Titanic

It was the largest ship of its day, described by its creator as "the greatest of the works of men."

Its seafaring days came to an abrupt and tragic end when it struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, destroying the vessel and killing most of the passengers on board.

And it's a fictional boat brought to life 14 years before the Titanic ever set sail.

The ship plays a relatively minor role in "Futility," the 1898 novella penned by U.S. writer Morgan Robertson.

It has assumed nearly mythological status among scholars of the real-life disaster of 1912.

It seems fitting for a boat christened the Titan.

Robertson's story is rife with details that seem positively surreal for readers of the post-Titanic era, with the nearly identical names being among the least striking.

The ships are approximately the same size, with the Titanic being only 25 metres longer. Both carried only the bare legal minimum number of lifeboats.

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The Titanic departs Southampton, England on its maiden voyage almost 100 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Halifax front and centre

100th anniversary.
Titanic-themed cruise ship stops in Halifax to visit graveyard containing 121 victims of the

It wasn't Deborah Franklin's first visit to the final resting place of 121 of Titanic's victims, but this time was different.

"It's very solemn and a time to reflect," said Franklin of Midland, Texas, standing in front of a row of unmarked graves at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Thursday.

Franklin said she's always been interested in the story of the Titanic.

In fact, she made a trip to Halifax last October to visit the same grave site.

"But it just seems different this time," said Franklin, one of 440 passengers of a Titanic-themed cruise ship.

The Azamara Journey, which left New York earlier this week, brought hundreds of passengers from around the world to the region Thursday as part of its journey to the Titanic's watery grave on its 100th anniversary.

Halifax is inked in the ship's itinerary because of its role in the aftermath of the disaster. The city became the final resting place for many of the victims of the Titanic.

People young and old walked through the graveyard snapping photos and carrying umbrellas.

Colourful flowers and stuffed animals could be seen at the base of several graves, most of which had no names but bared the date of the Titanic's sinking: April 15, 2012.

For Frank Birmingham, it's the victims' unknown stories that brought him aboard the cruise.

"They couldn't identify these bodies because of the time period," said Birmingham of Florida, pointing to the unmarked graves.

"No one knows who they are."

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

All aboard

The ship will set sail again Friday and will continue on to conduct a memorial service at the spot in the Atlantic where the Titanic sank. Along the way, passengers are listening to lectures about life on board the ship.

- **The Journey is one of two cruise ships that are part of commemoration of events marking the 100th anniversary of the legendary ship's sinking.**
- **The Titanic left Southampton, England, bound for New York in April 1912.**
- **More than 1,500 passengers and crew died when the vessel struck an iceberg and sank.**
- **Because so many victims are buried there, Halifax will be forever tied to the disaster throughout history.**

Deborah Franklin of Midland, Texas, walks

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in Titanic story

through the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax on Thursday where 121 victims of the Titanic rest, many at unmarked graves.

Halifax stop. Cruise ship passengers visit local graveyard

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

A grey sky and light rain provided a fitting backdrop for Roberta Lingua's visit to the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax on Thursday, the final resting place of 121 of Titanic's victims.

It was the hollywood blockbuster that turned the 22-year-old Italian woman's attention to the disaster, but it has since developed into a fascination with the actual event.

"When you see the movie, you fall in love with Jack and Rose," said Lingua, who travelled to New Yoark from Italy to set sail on a Titanic-themed cruise.

"But it's a very true story and it's very emotional. It was a tragedy."

Lingua was one of 440 cruise ship passengers on the Azamara Journey, which docked in Halifax on Thursday as part its journey to the ill-fated ship's ocean grave.

The city will be front and centre this weekend, as Halifax is slated to host a number of events marking the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking on April 15, 1912.

Cruise stops at sinking spot

"When the cruise stops in the middle of the ocean, I think it will be amazing." Roberta Lingua, 22, of Italy.

The region played a central role in the disaster as bodies that were recovered at sea were brought to the city, which became the final resting place for more than 100 victims.

On Saturday, a candle-lit procession will be held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic to commemorate those victims.

A horse-drawn carriage with a period-style casket and pallbearers will lead the procession.

On Sunday, the day the ship sank, a Titanic spiritual ceremony will be held.

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Male chivalry?

More men survive maritime disasters, study

A hundred years after the Titanic sank, two Swedish researchers on Thursday said when it comes to sinking ships, male chivalry is "a myth" and more men survive such disasters than women and children.

Economists Mikael Elinder and Oscar Erixon of Uppsala University also showed in their study that captains and their crew are 18.7 per cent more likely to survive a shipwreck than their passengers.

"Our findings show that behaviour in life-and-death situation is best captured by the expression 'every man for himself'." The researchers analyzed 18 of the world's most famous maritime disasters.

Reviewing passenger lists they found that men have a distinct advantage.

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Mexico, Cuba rekindle strained friendship

Felipe Calderon and Raul Castro meet.
Leaders agree to co-operation in the petroleum sector; sign pact to work together

Mexico's President Felipe Calderon.
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Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Thursday that his brief visit to Cuba was a "re-encounter" between two nations whose long history of friendship has hit some bumps in recent years.

The morning-after meeting with Cuban President Raul Castro and other top officials, Calderon said the two men discussed co-operation in the petroleum sector.

Oil officials from the two countries signed a non-binding letter of intent to work together.

State-run Petroleos Mexicanos will "evaluate the possibility of participating and investing in the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Cuba in the blocs adjacent to Mexico's exclusive zone," Calderon said.

They also agreed to boost sporting and health exchanges, and discussed Mexico's opposition to the 50-year-old U.S. economic and financial embargo against Cuba.

"These have been two extraordinary days for Cuba and for Mexico in that their mutual affection has been rediscovered," Calderon told reporters in Cuba.

The Mexican president continues on a tour that will take him to Haiti and a regional summit in Colombia.

Calderon's six-year term ends later this year.

He said in 2006 that he would improve troubled ties with Cuba, but his trip was delayed until now.

In 2009, Fidel Castro alleged that Mexico was holding back information about the swine flu outbreak.

The following year the former Cuban leader suggested that Calderon had actually lost his 2006 election to leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daughter held in Mexico

Father says Ottawa hasn't done enough to help

The father of a Canadian woman charged in Mexico for allegedly trying to smuggle Moammar Gadhafi's son into the country says Ottawa just hasn't done enough to help his daughter.

John McDonald says he understands that Canada can't really interfere with another country's laws, but he says Ottawa can't ignore what he calls "civil rights violations" in the case.

He says Canada wasn't informed of his daughter's incarceration until she was behind bars for four days and she was held without being charged for longer than Mexico's laws allowed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kids as kidnappers

'Mockumentary' on violence

A "mockumentary" showing children as kidnappers, corrupt police officers and drug traffickers is drawing criticism and praise in Mexico.

At the end, the children ask election candidates to help. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Political upheaval

New Mali president vows to wage war against rebels

Mali's new interim civilian president took office vowing to keep the chaotic country intact even after rebels declared an independent state in the north following a military coup three weeks ago.

Hours after handing over power to Dioncounda Traore, the junta on Thursday also released about a dozen politicians who had been detained since the coup.

Traore, who heads the country's national assembly, is to serve as Mali's president for 40 days following an agreement between West African regional mediators and the leader of the junta that seized power last month.

Amid the political upheaval, separatist rebels in northern Mali declared an independent state that is larger than France. The power vacuum also has allowed an Islamic faction that wants to impose Shariah law in the area to flourish.

The new interim president said he would "never negotiate about the partition of Mali."

"We won't hesitate to wage a total, relentless war to regain our territorial integrity," Traore said.

His swearing-in ceremony came as the United Nations expressed growing concern about reports of violence in the north, where fighters are divided between a secular group and an Islamist faction.

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A Japanese soldier stands watch for a North Korean missile launch at Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Chinen base in Nanjo, southern Japan, on Thursday. KYODO NEWS /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korean rocket crashes into the sea

Long-range dud.
Washington, Seoul report missile broke up shortly after takeoff from luanch pad

North Korea's much-anticipated rocket launch ended quickly in failure early Friday, splintering into pieces over the Yellow Sea soon after takeoff, according to South Korean and U.S. officials.

There was silence on the launch from officials in Pyongyang, which proceeded despite protests from the U.S., South Korea and other countries that called the launch a cover for a test of missile technology. North Korea said the rocket was part of a peaceful effort to send a satellite into space to the commemorate the anniversary of its founder's birth.

In response to the launch, Washington announced it was suspending plans to contribute food aid to the North in exchange for a rollback of its nuclear programs.

South Korea said the rocket exploded in midair one or two minutes after launching.

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Fragile Syrian ceasefire begins

International envoy Kofi Annan told the U.N. Security Council on Thursday he was "encouraged" at the start of a fragile cease-fire in Syria but said the government failed to keep its pledge to withdraw troops and heavy weapons from cities and towns.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice, the current council president, said Annan urged council members to demand that Syrian President Bashar Assad order his troops back to barracks.

She quoted Annan as saying in his video briefing to the council that "troops and heavy weapons remain in population centres."

Annan asked the Security Council to quickly authorize the deployment of an advance U.N. team to monitor the ceasefire, ahead of the deployment of a larger monitoring mission.

South Africa's U.N. Ambassador Baso Sangqu said discussions on the text of a U.N. resolution authorizing the deployment would begin Thursday afternoon, and diplomats said it could be adopted as early as Friday.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon cautioned that a single gunshot could derail the fragile peace and he urged both sides to refrain from provocation.

The Assad regime has been using force to put down a civilian uprising for more than a year, and at least 9,000 people have died, according to U.N. estimates.

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A tenuous truce

"As of this moment, the situation looks calmer."
U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who added that the ceasefire is "very fragile" and a single gunshot could derail the processes.

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Low natural-gas costs should keep utility bills down

Consumers can expect to save on their household utility bills for the foreseeable future with natural-gas prices hovering at their lowest level in more than 10 years.

Natural-gas prices were just under $2 per 1,000 cubic feet on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Thursday — the lowest they've been since early 2002.

The Canadian Gas Association estimates consumers have saved an average of $500 on natural gas over the past five years, and the trend is expected to continue.

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Global layoffs

Sony to slash 10,000 jobs

Faced with mounting losses, Sony Corp. said Thursday it will slash 10,000 jobs, or about six per cent of its global workforce, and try to turn around its money-losing TV business over the next two years.

New CEO and president Kazuo Hirai outlined his business strategy at a press conference where he pledged to revive the electronics and entertainment company.

Sony earlier this week more than doubled its annual net-loss projection for the fiscal year through this past March to $6.4 billion US. That would be its fourth straight year of red ink and worst loss ever.

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Sony president and CEO Kazuo Hirai

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Safety issue

GM recalls 50,000 large SUVs

General Motors is recalling some 50,000 large crossover SUVs, including almost 6,000 in Canada, to fix a problem with the windshield wipers. The recall affects Chevrolet Traverse, Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia vehicles.

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Cash crunch. Royal Bank opting to raise some fees

As debt-heavy Canadians become more cautious about borrowing, the banks are looking to higher fees to make up the shortfall.

Royal Bank, Canada's largest bank, is the latest to announce it is raising a number of fees, including the rate it charges for credit-card cash advances.

The new fees, which affect everything from personal banking to business accounts, become effective June 1, RBC said in a brochure mailed to clients.

The move reflects the increased costs of doing business, the bank said.

"We operate in a competitive environment and work hard at keeping costs down; however, we must price our products and services to reflect the increased cost of doing business," an RBC spokesperson said in an email.

RBC said its clients can reduce their banking fees by using online banking and banking machines and also by picking the service package that best suits their needs.

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New fees

- RBC's Signature No Limit Banking account fees will rise to $14.95 a month from $13.95.
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Walmart Canada to take on discount competition

Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Walmart Canada, speaks to media in Toronto on Thursday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shopping wars. Retail giant also planning Canadian store expansion in advance of Target's arrival early next year

More products for $1 are coming to Walmart Canada as the retailer takes on dollar stores, Target and the country's biggest grocers in a strategy to win a larger share of the domestic retail market.

Executives from the company met with analysts and the media in Toronto on Thursday to discuss its answer to the entry of U.S. rival Target and an expansion by Canadian dollar-store operator Dollarama.

The plan includes lowering the prices of more items to about a loonie, said Shelley Broader, the retail giant's Canadian president and CEO.

"That's in direct reaction to what our customers need and want, but it happens to be a nice method of competing against the dollar stores," she said.

Walmart's supercentres aim to do exactly that, offering customers deals on everything from dish towels to dry-cleaning services. The price reductions are part of a strategy of "cementing ourselves in the minds and hearts of Canadians as one-stop shopping," said Broader.

Solidifying that stance is particularly crucial right now because so many other retailers are fighting for the same consumer market.

Dollarama has been encroaching on the discount retailer's low-priced territory in recent months, expanding its products beyond small items worth a loonie.

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One-stop shop

"The idea of getting most of your needs met in one spot becomes incredibly important."

Walmart Canada president Shelley Broader

Qatar Airways to order Bombardier jets

Qatar Airways is in no rush to add Bombardier's CSeries aircraft to its growing fleet but will order several business jets to expand its executive service, the airline's CEO said Thursday.

Akbar Al Baker said he will announce an order for Bombardier's new Global aircraft at next month's Ebace air show in Geneva, for delivery around 2016 or 2017.

The airline already operates a fleet of six Bombardier business jets. It hopes to eventually offer 10 to 15 aircraft, but Al Baker wouldn't say how many planes would be included in this order.

Qatar has shelved plans to order the CSeries while it is busy preparing to receive four new aircraft types. The company is spending more than $50 billion US for 270 airplanes.

Nonetheless, he remains interested in eventually ordering 20 to 30 of the larger version of the 110- to 149-seat commercial plane.

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Aircraft

Bombardier wins legal battle

Bombardier has won a legal victory in its battle with a business-jet customer, with the Supreme Court of Canada refusing to hear an appeal filed by the buyer of a $47-million aircraft. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Summit. Expanding trade a priority, minister says

Canada is willing to discuss everything — including its controversial supply-management system — when it sits down with other countries to negotiate a tantalizing trans-Pacific free-trade zone, says Trade Minister Ed Fast.

Fast underlined that the Conservatives have promised egg, dairy and poultry farmers that they will protect their interests.

But he also suggested that all the countries involved — including nations such as the United States and New Zealand — would have their own sticking points to hash out.

Fast made the comments as he and Prime Minister Stephen Harper prepare to participate in the Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia, this weekend. The summit brings together 34 hemispheric leaders.

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Finance

Agencies uphold B.C.'s credit rating

B.C. Finance Minister Kevin Falcon says a decision by two rating agencies to uphold the province's AAA credit rating is great news for taxpayers.

Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Services say the province it doing a good job of managing its finances and controlling debt.

"B.C.'s ... role as Canada's gateway to Asia (gives) its economy significant wealth and diversification, underpinning the province's strong and stable tax base," Standard & Poor's said.

Moody's said the province's plan to balance the budget by the 2013-14 fiscal year is feasible because of its strong financial track record.

A third agency, Dominion Bond Rating Service, also affirmed B.C.'s high credit rating, saying the province could outperform its financial targets because of its strong fiscal policies.

Falcon says having a AAA credit rating means big savings for taxpayers.

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New e-reader sees the light

The Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight is shown Thursday in New York. The Barnes & Noble bookstore chain said on Thursday that it is tackling one of the shortcomings of black-and-white e-readers with a screen that lights up so it can be read in the dark. E-readers with black-and-white screens, made by Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Sony and others, are easily readable in bright light but don't come with their own light sources and can't be read in darkness. E-readers with colour screens, such as the Kindle Fire and Nook Tablet, do have their own light sources but are barely legible in sunlight. The new Nook Simple Touch with GlowLight has a standard black-and-white screen, but an array of light-emitting diodes inside the frame spreads a glow over the page with the help of an invisible light-guiding layer. The black-and-white model will be in stores early next month and cost $139 US, The New York-based company said. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Technology. Canadian retailers lagging on in-store mobile use

Canadian retailers are about two years behind their U.S. counterparts when it comes to staff using smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices in stores, suggests a study released Thursday.

Consumers are moving faster than Canadian retailers in using such devices to find product information and do comparison shopping, said the study by International Data Corporation Canada and the Retail Council of Canada.

"I think ultimately, in many cases (retailers) will need to ramp up faster because of the speed at which consumer empowerment is changing," said Shafiq Jamal, vice-president of the retail council's Western Canada region.

Some consumers are looking for coupons and loyalty rewards on their devices in stores while others are doing comparison shopping or looking for deals, Jamal said.

The survey findings suggest 40 per cent of retailers are planning to use mobile devices to interact with customers in the next three years, while just 24 per cent plan to do so this year.

But the Retail Council of Canada said retailers will need to catch up to consumers' use of technology and social media.

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Tech-savvy stores

Some Canadian retailers are doing pilot projects using mobile shopping apps or mobile devices.

- Some Forzani Group sporting goods stores are using devices to help find products for customers and retailer Groupe Dynamite has a mobile pilot project.
- Canadian Tire says it has a free mobile app that allows customers to scan product barcodes in stores and access product information including price, reviews and availability.

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1 **Life after Hogwarts:** Now that she's safely rescued Harry Potter from Lord Voldemort's clutches and earned a billion dollars in the process, former single-mum-on-welfare J.K. Rowling has announced her next novel, called The Casual Vacancy, will be targeted at adults. It's about an election that tears a deceptively peaceful village apart. Kind of like the Triwizard Tournament after the magic has gone.

2 **iDialysis?:** A teenager in China sells one of his kidneys to an unscrupulous organ broker for the equivalent of $3,400 so he can buy an iPad 2. His parents don't even know about it until his mother asks him where he got the iPad and he has to fess up. Now he's suffering from complications and the unscrupulous brokers are long gone. He should have held out for an iPad 3, at least.

3 **Where's the Gipper when we need him?:** Rick Santorum finally gave up on his presidential hopes this week, leaving Mitt Romney an open path for the nomination. So after the GOP has desperately tried to nominate anybody but Mitt for the better part of a decade, the next Republican nominee for president of the United States will be: Mitt. Deja voodoo.

4 **NHL playoffs begin:** The L.A. Kings defeat Vancouver in Game 1 and then someone in the Kings organization sends a smoking tweet to the rest of Canada: "You're welcome." Where's the love? I thought we were all Canucks?

5 **Ding-dong:** The gun registry is dead. Yee-haw! We'll be able to buy a weapon of mass destruction without being included in a federal database. Now if we can just get Ottawa to ban the income-tax database, we're talkin' real freedom.

6 **Speaking of Vancouver:** The Real Housewives of Vancouver: 1.2-million people watched the opening episode. Well, no wonder: One of the "housewives" washes her face in whale sperm and diamond dust. Who wouldn't want to watch that?

7 **More evidence the end is near:** Britannica stops publishing the print edition, putting the five remaining door-to-door encyclopedia salesman on Earth out of work. How do I know that? I looked it up on Wikipedia, a usually reliable source.

8 **Silver surfers:** The Beach Boys celebrate their 50th anniversary by singing Surfer Girl at the home opener at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday. Help Me Rhonda, I've fallen and I can't get up …

The Beach Boys spread Good Vibrations on opening day at Dodger Stadium, where the Los Angeles Dodgers played the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday. The Beach Boys are celebrating their 50th anniversary.
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Real-life 'Spider-Man'

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Climb

Frenchman scales buildings without rope or harness

Alain Robert, who has been dubbed the "French Spider-Man," climbs 300 metres up the Torch hotel in Doha, Qatar, on Thursday. Robert, who has been scaling tall buildings since the age of seven, took 75 minutes to complete his first climb in Qatar. The hotel was built for the 2006 Asian Games in the shape of an Olympic torch.
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A kid again

"I feel like a child and I finally want to open my present: I want to climb the Torch."
Alain Robert

Alain Robert
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Are you looking forward to the Bieber-One Direction collaboration?

75% NO, THIS IS AKIN TO THE APOCALYPSE

25% YES, BOY BAND HEAVEN!

Twitter

@cspotweet:
LA Kings apologize for "Canucks" tweet. Good thing the team didn't show any bias by picking which side they hope wins the series. #nhl

@Burrows_Lover:
Just saw an AWESOME Canuck-fied car! Goal net, Luo's picture, painted Believe and Canucks. Shouted at the guy. Love this time of year <3.

@amvanimere:
Are the Canucks actually complaining about that awesome tweet? no wonder everyone hates them. Go Kings.

@HabInHogTown:
I hated the Canucks before it was cool.

@g2sidhu:
I've been a #Canucks fan since the 80's. After what we've been through, a 1st round game 1 loss is like a hangnail. #CanadasTeam

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Lockout isn't winning any critical acclaim from the Reel Guys, but it'll leave you grinning. HANDOUT

Lockout a solid 'B' effort

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Cranked-up camp. Action flick is a good time if you can look past the silly dialogue, '90s era special effects

Richard: Mark, I had a good time at Lockout even though I'll be the first to admit it isn't a very good movie. The special effects look like rejects from 1997, the tough-guy dialogue sounds like Bruce Willis castoffs and it's not nearly as violent as I would have expected it to be, but I sat there with a grin on my face. How is this possible? Perhaps it reminded me of those cheeseball direct-to-DVD Dolph Lundgren movies I used to watch when I rented everything at the video store.

Mark: The movie has one great thing going for it: the ace wisecracks delivered by Guy Pearce with impeccable sang-froid. The only problem is that he's so funny it undercuts any of the supposed action sequences. And did you notice the similarities to John Carpenter's Escape From New York? When Maggie Grace cuts her hair and dyes it black she even looked like Adrienne Barbeau!

RC: That is, I think, what I loved about the movie. It seems like a time capsule from another time. It has its flaws — like being set in 2079 and yet making contemporary references like Prince, John Wayne and global warming — but the old school-ness of it is appealing. It's not a remake, or a reboot but it feels familiar nonetheless.

MB: I thought it was wonderfully lazy filmmaking that in the future the iPhone was exactly the same, as were the guns and clothing. It's a B movie to be sure. But it has its pleasures. I enjoyed the over-the-top performance of no-name actor Joseph Gilgun as an unhinged convict. It's the part Giovanni Ribisi was born to play, if the movie had a budget.

RC: Exactly! I thought he was an excellent bad guy except I felt like I needed a translator to explain his HEAVY brogue to me. I certainly caught the gist of what he was saying but often the actual words were lost on me. Perhaps mumbled, accented dialogue is the new cool thing. Apparently Bane in The Dark Knight Rises is impossible to understand as well, but I like a bit more clarity from my bad guys.

MB: Richard, maybe incomprehensibility is the new scary. All those werewolves and zombies have set the bar pretty high for inarticulate rage. After all, you can't reason with someone you can't understand.

Synopsis

Guy Pearce is Snow, a highly skilled mercenary wrongly accused of espionage. To earn his freedom he agrees to rescue the president's daughter, Emilie Warnock (Maggie Grace), who is being held captive by rioting inmates at an outer space maximum-security prison. That's right, the prison is in OUTER SPACE!

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

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SCENE

Scene in brief

J.K. Rowling set to release book for adults

She may not be able to match the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter series, but J.K. Rowling has high hopes for The Casual Vacancy, her first novel for adults. The title was announced Thursday by Little, Brown & Co. along with a brief plot synopsis for the book. The publisher said it will be available worldwide on Sept. 27. The effort will mark Rowling's first post-Potter effort. The new book, aimed at a grown-up audience, will be set in a seemingly idyllic English town called Pagford.

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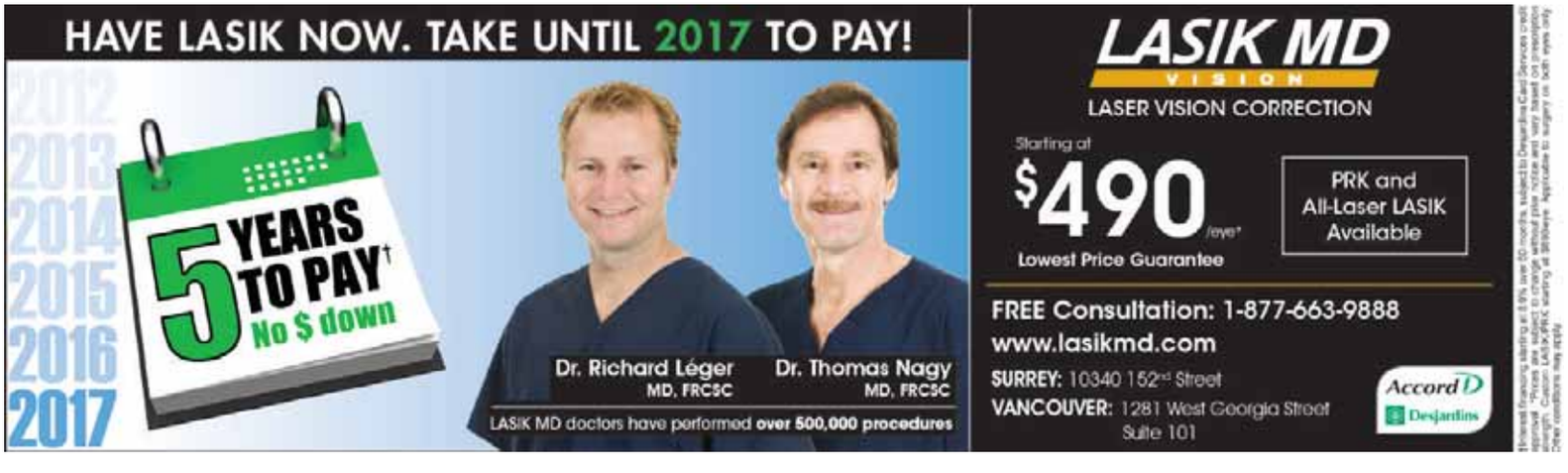
On the web

Acclaimed writer William Boyd seeks to return to 'classic Bond' for next 007 novel



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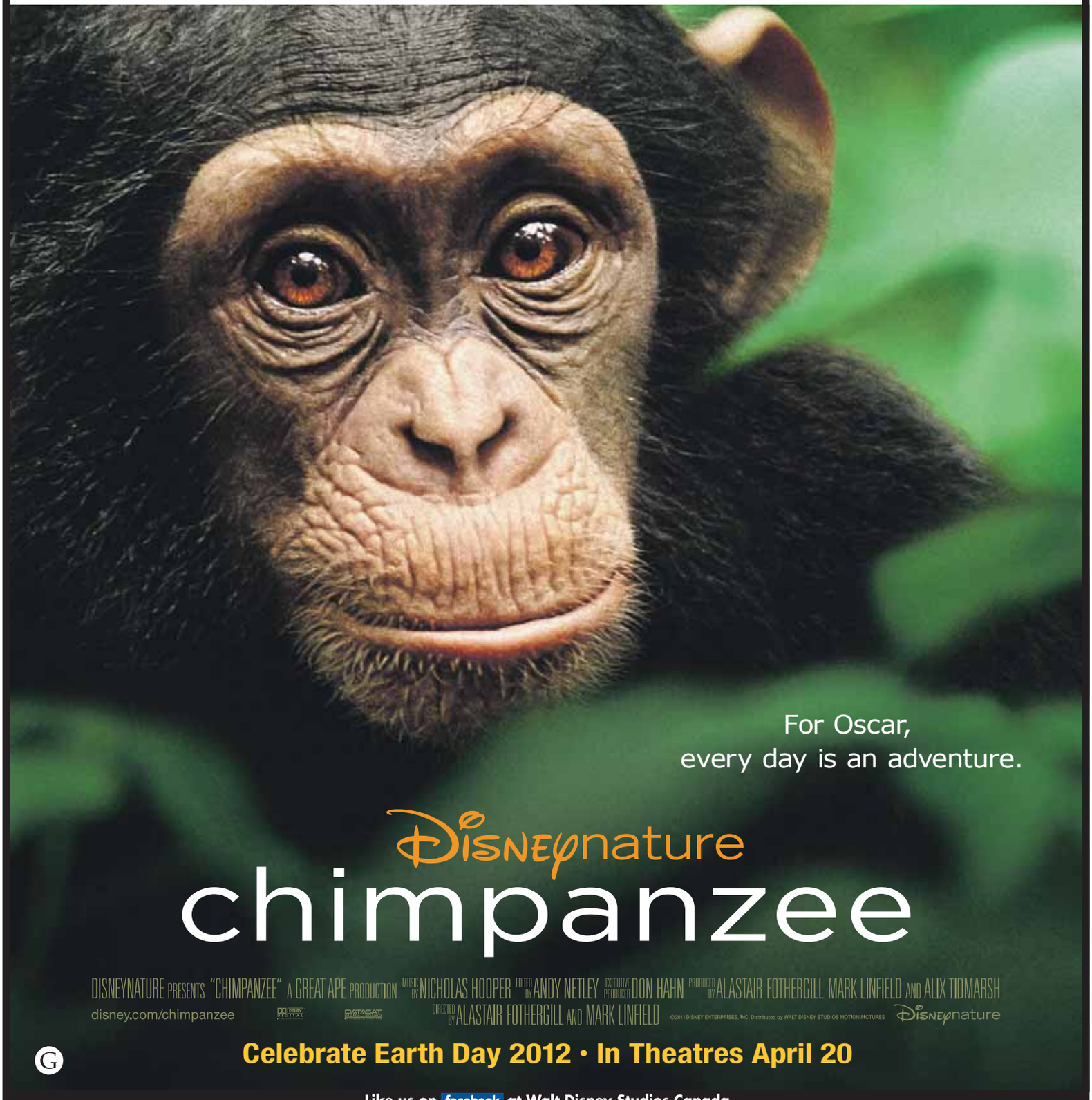
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Horror

Cabin in the Woods

Director. Drew Goddard

Stars. Richard Jenkins, Chris Hemsworth

Cabin in the Woods probably isn't the movie you think it is. The audacious high-concept thriller marks the directorial debut of Cloverfield writer Drew Goddard who takes the horror stereotype and brilliantly flips it. Though the premise of co-eds heading out to the woods and inadvertently uncovering zombies seems familiar, it's only a ploy. To reveal more would spoil the surprise. Instead, just enjoy the madness of this masterpiece.
STEVE GOW

Comedy

The Three Stooges

Directors. Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly

Stars. Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes

If there's one film with a built-in audience, it's The Three Stooges. They're so cherished by the Farrelly Brothers, the filmmaking siblings crafted a straight-up reimagining of the legendary comic trio. While the performances are bang-on, the three-episode arc and story is so slight, it can hardly be considered a plot. Still, if three knuckleheads poking each other in the eyes to cartoonish sound-effects cracks you up, this is cinematic gold. **STEVE GOW**

Drama

StreetDance 2

Directors. Max Giwa, Dania Pasquini

Stars. George Sampson, Sofia Boutella

This energetic and slightly surreal sequel to the unexpected hit StreetDance takes place in a Paris crawling with aspiring teenaged dancers; the cliched story and characters are just a framework for some energetic, highly physical dance numbers that gain little from the 3D format. The film's sense of fun is occasionally infectious, but more often the tone is just silly — perfect for 12-year-olds who want to ogle the lithe, attractive cast.
ADAM NAYMAN

Drama

The Deep Blue Sea

Director. Terence Davies

Stars. Rachel Weisz, Tom Hiddleston

Based on playwright Terence Rattigan's 1952 work, the film opens with Hester Collyer (Weisz)'s botched suicide following the crumbling of relationships with both her stuffy husband and alcoholic lover. Director Terrence Davies emphasizes Hester's inner turmoil as she bristles against the societal expectations of post-war Britain. The anger and resentment that seethes out of each character, aided by some fantastic performances, makes Davies' film jump off the screen.
IAN GORMELY

Drama

Keyhole

Director. Guy Maddin

Stars. Jason Patric, Isabella Rossellini

Canadian surrealist Maddin goes digital (letting go of his usual 16-millimetre trademark) but doesn't sacrifice a shred of his vision in Keyhole, a haunting, visually informed work of bizarre, muted power. Jason Patric (The Lost Boys) stars as Ulysses, a man who must face the horrors and ghosts of his past inside the confines of his own house — including the specter of his long dead wife (played by Maddin's muse Isabella Rossellini). Part expressionist poem, part classic Hollywood, and all Maddin.
CHRIS ALEXANDER

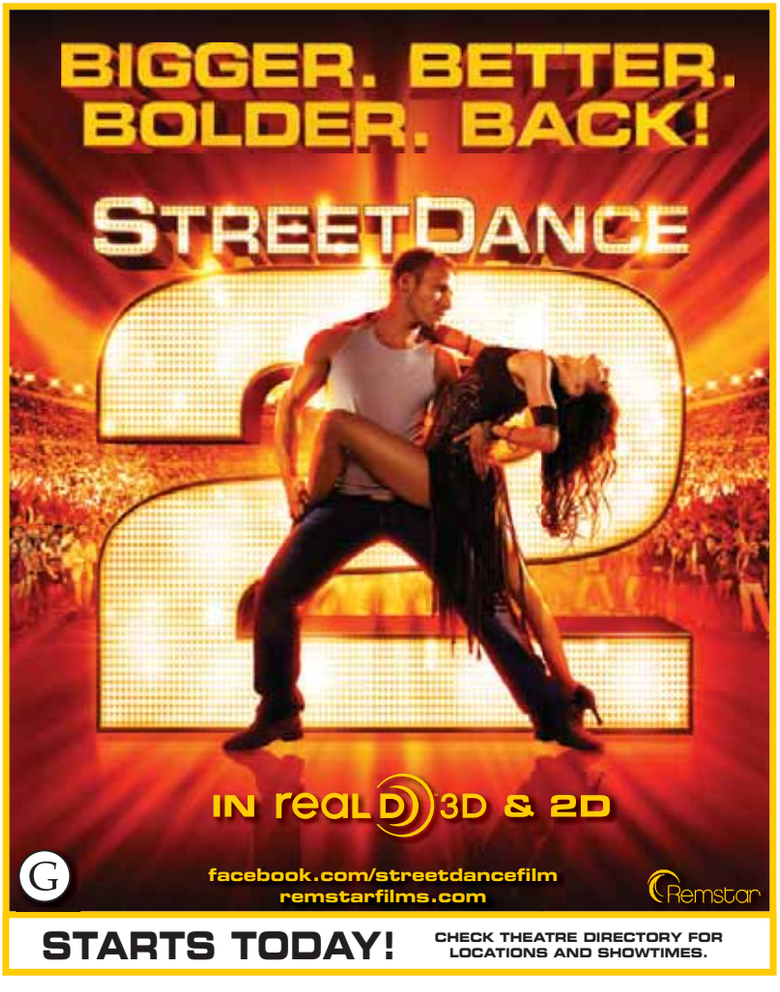
Drama

The Hunter

Director. Daniel Nettheim

Stars. Willem Dafoe, Sam Neill

In this slow paced, contemplative thriller Willem Dafoe plays a professional hunter hired by a biotech company to track down and kill the last remaining Tasmanian Tiger.
The Hunter feels like two movies. The better one focuses on Dafoe's existential man-against-tiger journey. He is terrific as an obsessed hunter fighting against the primordial forces of nature. Unfortunately when it narrows to concentrate on his paternal feelings for the family he rents a room from, the movie becomes less interesting.
RICHARD CROUSE



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4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

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Fifth Avenue Cinemas
2110 Burrard Street

The African Queen (STC) A.M. Sat 10
The Deep Blue Sea (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:15-6:50-9 The Hunger Games (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:55 The Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:50-7:25-9:35 Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:25
The Salt of Life (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:20-9:15

Granville
855 Granville St.

Footnote (G) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:40
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 3:55-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10
Monsieur Lazhar (STC) Fri 7-9:20 Sat 4:25 Sun 4:25-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:30
Payback (G) Fri 6:55-9:40 Sat-Sun 4:15-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:15
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The Titicut Follies (STC) Wed 7:30
Une Femme Douce (STC) Fri 8:15 Sun 6:30

Park Theatre
3440 Cambie Street

Giuseppe Verdi: La Traviata (STC) A.M. Sat 10 High Plains Doctor: Healing on the Tibetan Plateau (STC) A.M. Sun 10:30
Titanic 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-7:30

Ridge Theatre
3131 Arbutus Street

21 Jump Street (14A) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20

Rio on Broadway
1660 E. Broadway

GasLand (STC) Sat-Sun 1:30
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Petropolis: Aerial Perspectives on the Alberta Tar Sands (STC) Sat-Sun 3:30
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (PG) Fri 11

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver
900 Burrard St.

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Park & Tilford
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Red Tails (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10

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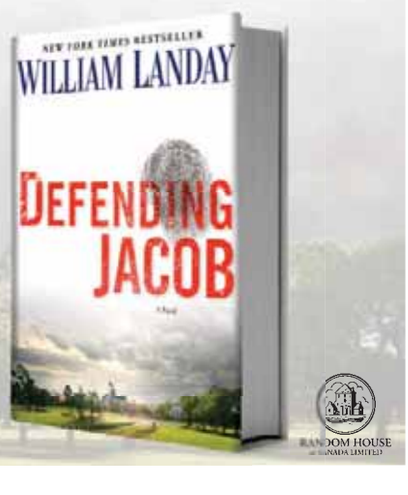

Chimpanzee follows the tale of little Oscar as he learns to survive without his mother. HANDOUT

Chimpan-see, chimpan-do

Chimpanzee. Jane Goodall hopes new film will spark children's interest in animals and nature

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Being in the presence of Jane Goodall, it's easy to become inspired to embark on some kind of save-the-world project.

After all, Goodall — a woman who set out to study animals in Africa in 1960, when she was just 26 years old — has turned a childhood obsession with animals into a world-renowned career studying chimpanzees, and a global conservation institute bearing her name.

"When I was a little girl of 10 … I fell in love with Tarzan and was furiously jealous when he married that other Jane," she jokes while in Toronto, helping Disney promote its film Chimpanzee, which opens next Friday. Chimpanzee follows the true story of an orphaned chimp named Oscar.

While Goodall was not directly involved with the production of the film, she knew the crew. "I think the amazing thing about this film is that we know Disney, we know Bambi, and this film itself … might have been scripted by somebody doing a chimpanzee Bambi."

But the storyline was anything but scripted. In fact, the initial plan was to follow the life of a chimp — who the crew named Oscar — and observe him develop in his community. When Oscar's mother suddenly died, the crew panicked.

"They thought the whole film was destroyed … [that they had] wasted six months filming a chimp who's [all but] dead," said Goodall.

Lucky for Oscar (and the film crew), the top-ranking male in the group of chimps was a bit of a softie under his gruff exterior and took the young chimp under his care.

"I cannot believe how this all unravelled" says Goodall.

Today, between being a UN messenger of peace and educating the world about the plight of chimpanzees, Goodall, 78, spends 300 days of the year on the road, raising awareness about conservation issues.

Goodall has also helped develop a program called Roots & Shoots that now has thousands of young members in over 130 countries. Through this program, young people are encouraged to take on grassroots conservation projects.

"Children are getting more and more divorced from nature," says Goodall. "How can you protect something if you don't understand? If you don't understand, you don't care.

"It's got to be more than just intellectual stuff. You've got to feel it.

"You've got to feel the earth in your hands."

Goodall says that films like Chimpanzee are a first step in educating children about nature.

"Films like this help kids understand that there are creatures out there who are so like us and hopefully children will come away thinking about that and thinking about little Oscar as though he's a cousin."

Anthropomorphism

Human-like?

Anthropomorphism is giving human characteristics to animals, something that Goodall has been criticized for in her study of chimpanzees. But Goodall feels that it's better to over-anthropomorphize and believe animals are more like us than to think that we are completely different. "What really peeved me was that scientists were ready to take a chimpanzee because biologically they're so like us, sharing 99 per cent of our DNA and … subject them to all kinds of nasty medical procedures … and they even used them to learn about depression … but when it came to them sharing an emotion, like being happy or sad, [the scientists] said 'absolutely not.'"

Take me out to the bookstore

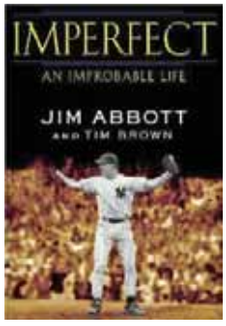
From biographies to Grisham's latest, 'tis the season for baseball books

MARK OSBORNE
Metro New York

Wherever I Wind Up: My Quest for Truth, Authenticity and the Perfect Knuckleball

By R.A. Dickey and Wayne Coffey

There's just something about knuckleballers that makes them fascinating. Dickey was a heralded draft pick in 1996, only to fail a physical when a team doctor found out he had no ulnar collateral ligament in his right pitching arm. Good news: He would never need Tommy John surgery. Bad news: Doctors didn't know how he could even throw a ball, let alone pitch. Dickey writes about his transition to becoming the current master of the knuckler in MLB.



Imperfect: An Improbable Life

By Jim Abbott and Tim Brown

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more inspiring story in sports history than that of Abbott, who was born with no right hand. Yankees fans remember his no-hitter from 1993, but read about the struggle it took to get to the majors and the many he inspired in this biography.

Hack's 191: Hack Wilson and His Incredible 1930 Season

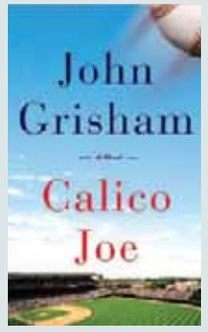
By Bill Chastain

Hack Wilson might have had the greatest single season in MLB history in 1930, yet very few people have even heard of him. The 5-foot-6 Wilson hit 56 homers and drove in a record 191 runs that season, but never mind the absurdity of those numbers, Wilson's best friend was Al Capone and he spent every night in Chicago's Prohibition-era speakeasies getting drunk and brawling with patrons.

Summer of '68: The Season that Changed Baseball — and America — Forever

By Tim Wendel

If you're looking for the combination of the greatest year of baseball and most incendiary in American culture, here's your winner. Summer of '68 is wound around historical events, such as the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, while St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson (probably the greatest African-American pitcher ever) blew away records as race riots raged.

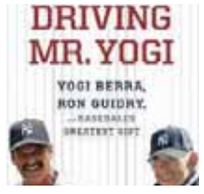


Calico Joe

By John Grisham

America's most well-known writer of legal thrillers tries his hand at a novel about baseball. The namesake of the book, Joe Castle, is a young player called up to the majors, who immediately excels before an accident changes everything. It's sappy, but fans of Field of Dreams will eat it up.

Extra innings



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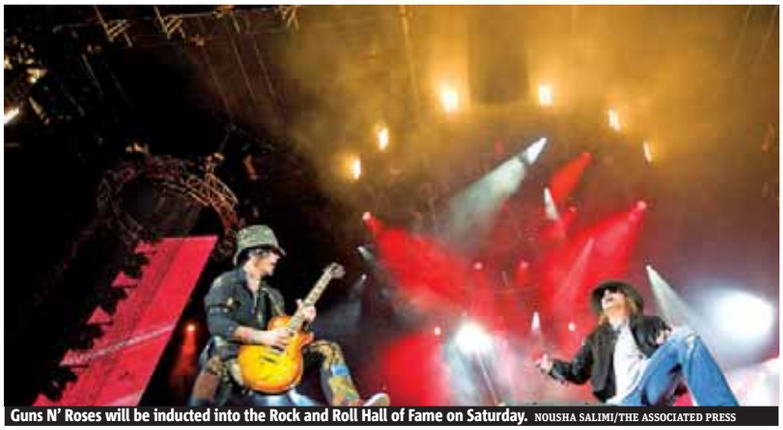

Guns N' Roses will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday. NOUSHA SALIMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guns N' Roses is known for its inter-band civil wars as much as the classic music its members made together.

It has counted as many as 21 people as official players through the 27-year history of the group, but many rock fans are penning open letters across the web for a reunion of the band whose members were once so well known as individuals that they had their own mass-produced pinball machine.

They are also well known for their cynical approach to press — so when Metro caught up with keyboardist Dizzy Reed, who joined the band in the early '90s, shortly before the Use Your Illusion albums, he played it predictably close to the vest when asked about the upcoming proceedings.

So what do you know about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Um, it's in Cleveland.

Do you know what's going to happen with the induction into the Hall? There are rumours there will be a reunion of the original lineup.
I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there. As far as the details of what's going to happen, I haven't received any sort of itinerary or schedule. It's something I'm just trying not to think about until it gets closer. It's not that I don't appreciate it. It's a great thing, and it's great for all the people who supported the band over the years.

I understand that you're still friends with everybody who has been in the band through the years, is that right?
Friendly, I'd say. I haven't talked to a couple of the guys at all since they left. But Duff [McKagan, original bassist] got up and jammed with us in Seattle and Vancouver last year.

And you've been immortalized, by making it onto the Guns N' Roses pinball machine as well ...
Yes I did. I'm on the pinball machine, and I can't remember what it was that triggers it, but you can get the Dizzy ball, and it starts going crazy and you can score a whole bunch of points.

No awards please

Thanks but no thanks

- **Letter.** In a 1,000-plus word open letter to the Los Angeles Times, Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose has said he will not be attending Saturday's event, nor does he even want to be inducted. Visit metronews.ca/scene to read the letter. You can also read an excerpt from the letter on the Dish page.

Induction ceremony.
Hall of Fame set to give it away now to Chili Peppers

Anthony Kiedis had a dream the other night.

The 49-year-old frontman of the Red Hot Chili Peppers imagined that he was playing at this year's Rock and Rock Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and the band's on-again, off-again guitarist John Frusciante was sitting in the front row.

Kiedis is quick to note that this vision won't become a reality when the 29-year-old group is actually inducted Saturday.

"No," Kiedis said in a hushed tone during a break from rehearsing at SIR Studios last month. "That was just a dream."

The current line-up of Flea, Kiedis, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer will be honoured along with past bandmates like late founding member Hillel Slovak, the original Chili Peppers guitarist who died of a drug overdose in 1988, and Frusciante.

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Members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, clockwise from top, bassist Flea, singer Anthony Kiedis, guitarist Josh Klinghoffer and drummer Chad Smith pose for a portrait in Hollywood, California.
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The fight for the Iron Throne continues

Games of Thrones. Hit fantasy show renewed for another season. Now the question remains: who will rule Westeros?

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Lena Headey plays Cersei Lannister on Game of Thrones CONTRIBUTED

HBO announced the pickup of its hit fantasy drama Game of Thrones, chronicling the struggle of several families to rule the fictional continent of Westeros, on Tuesday. The renewal comes in the wake of the series' record ratings when Season 2 premiered earlier this month.

"Series creators David Benioff and D.B. Weiss raised our expectations for the second season — and then surpassed them," Michael Lombardo, president, HBO Programming, said in a statement.

"We are thrilled by all the viewer and media support we've received for the series, and can't wait to see what Dan and David have in store for next season."

The drama, based on George R.R. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire series of fantasy novels, has so far followed the one-book-per-season format — Season 1 brought to life the series' first book, A Game of Thrones, while Season 2, currently airing Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO, tells the story of A Clash of Kings.

Season 3 is expected to follow the story of the third book, A Storm of Swords. But according to Entertainment Weekly, producers Benioff and Weiss would prefer to slow things down. "As George and all his fans have said for a long time, there's no way to do [Swords] in a single season, so it's being broken into two," Benioff said in a recent interview with EW.

"We're still kind of figuring out exactly what goes where. We don't want it to feel like a two-part season," Beinoff said. "From the beginning we'd always prayed we'd get to Season 3 at least because, you know, two of our favourite scenes from the entire saga are in Season 3."

Breaking up Season 3 would also give Martin more time to finish the series' source material. The Song of Ice and Fire series is meant to include seven novels. The fifth installment, A Dance with Dragons, was published in 2011; Martin is still in the process of writing the sixth book, The Winds of Winter.

Lena Dunham. The new 20-something 'it' girl

Lena Dunham is deconstructing femininity right across the table.

Having spiffed up for some behind-the-scenes featurettes for her upcoming HBO series Girls, Dunham has relaxed into her seat at a Tribeca restaurant, not far from where she grew up. Shortly after shedding her overcoat, she pulls off her fake eyelashes too, apologizing for her manners and lamenting the forthright revelation of a women's "secret" to a member of the opposite sex.

"There's a certain point when I've had them on all day, I just want to be free of them," she says, laughing.

Inhibition and a comical preference for naturalism run deep in Dunham and her work. She's a self-declared "over-sharer" whose Twitter feed is a steady stream of self-deprecating wit. ("I was lying totally still on the shower floor and really hurt my knee. And that, my friends, is proof I can do anything.")

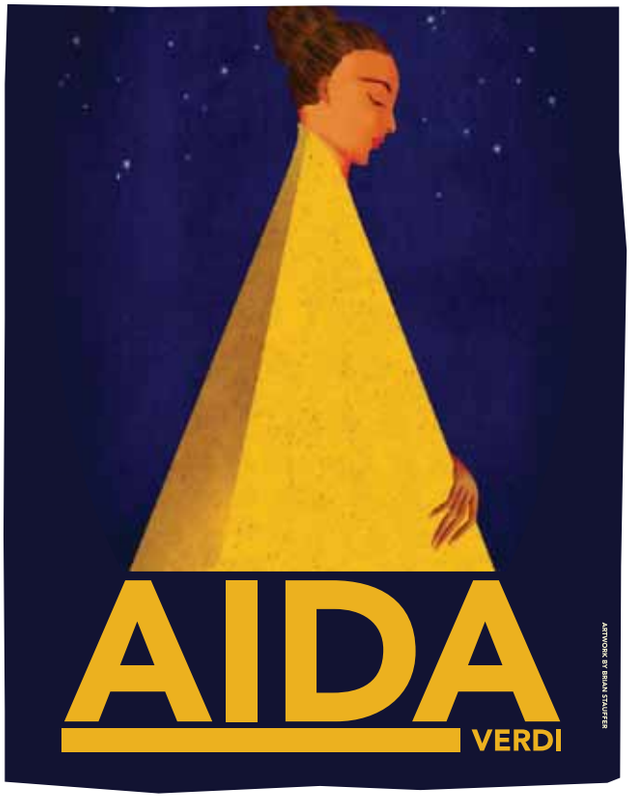
Her work (two features, a few Web series and now the TV show) is heavily personal, like her breakout film, 2010's Tiny Furniture, an indie she made for just $25,000. Not yet 26, Dunham has already been profiled by the New Yorker, had Tiny Furniture released on DVD by the esteemed Criterion Collection and attracted the interest of comedy producer and filmmaker Judd Apatow, executive producer of Girls. Considering her unblemished good fortune, Apatow has advised Dunham to get a T-shirt that reads The Inevitable Backlash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What it feels like for a girl

Girls, which Dunham wrote, stars in and produced, premieres Sunday but it's already captured the zeitgeist, sparking a dialogue about 20-something adulthood, femininity and sexuality.

- **Concept.** The show follows four young women (Dunham, Allison Williams, Jemima Kirke and Zosia Mamet) in post-collegiate drift, struggling in a difficult New York job market, chafing at conventional ideas of womanhood and dealing with male counterparts on a different wavelength.
- **Game on.** "It feels as though it's the right time for this show," she says. "Women want a show like this. This generation wants a show like this — not to overstate our mission."
- **Critics.** Dunham been lauded for having no shyness in portraying her, as she terms it, "not exactly model-esque body" in unflattering sex scenes.

The cast of Girls in New York on Wednesday DAVE ALLOCCA/STARPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Krysten Ritter is The B— in Apartment 23

Mean girl. Ever wondered what it would be like to live with the love child of Sid Vicious and Lucille Ball? Now you can find out

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Though harsh to refer to your main character as a b–, there really is no other way to describe opportunist Chloe (Krysten Ritter) in the new ABC sitcom Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23. Chloe herself boasts of having the "morals of a pirate."

"If Holly Golightly and Satan had a child, it would be my character," says Ritter.

And James Van Der Beek, who plays Chloe's best friend has a slightly different view: "[She's] the love child of Lucille Ball and Sid Vicious."

No matter her mythical parentage, Chloe tiptoes the line between bad and just plain awful — in the pilot, she robs her sweet, new-to-New-York roommate, June (Dreama Walker) — which means the balance between audiences loving or loathing Ms. B is even more precarious.

But Ritter rationalizes that Chloe's actions, despite how outlandish they seem, aren't always selfish. "As long as I approach my character in making positive choices, that the end result seems to be somewhat heartfelt, you can get away with it," she says.

After all, even seemingly naive June is able to crack Chloe's tough girl persona and ultimately become a member of her oddball entourage.

"June definitely ... outsmarts Chloe a little bit," Walker says. "That's part of our dynamic and part of what makes her respect me and like me in the end."

So is the B-word a severe moniker after all? Ritter doesn't think so. "I'm an evil b—," she says.

Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23 airs Wednesday nights on Citytv.

Krysten Ritter HANDOUT

'Pushing the envelope'

B doesn't just stand for broadcasting at ABC.

- **Explanation.** The network uses the letter as an abbreviation for "bitch" in the title of its new Wednesday night sitcom Don't Trust the B—in Apt. 23.
- **Trying to be provocative.** Branding expert Dorie Clark says the B's aren't meant to be sexist or denigrating, but to get people talking and, ultimately to get higher ratings.
- **Clark's take.** Producers and executives protect themselves by not spelling out the B-word: "They're trying to be provocative to push the envelope and still manage to make it acceptable when it comes time to be listed in TV Guide."

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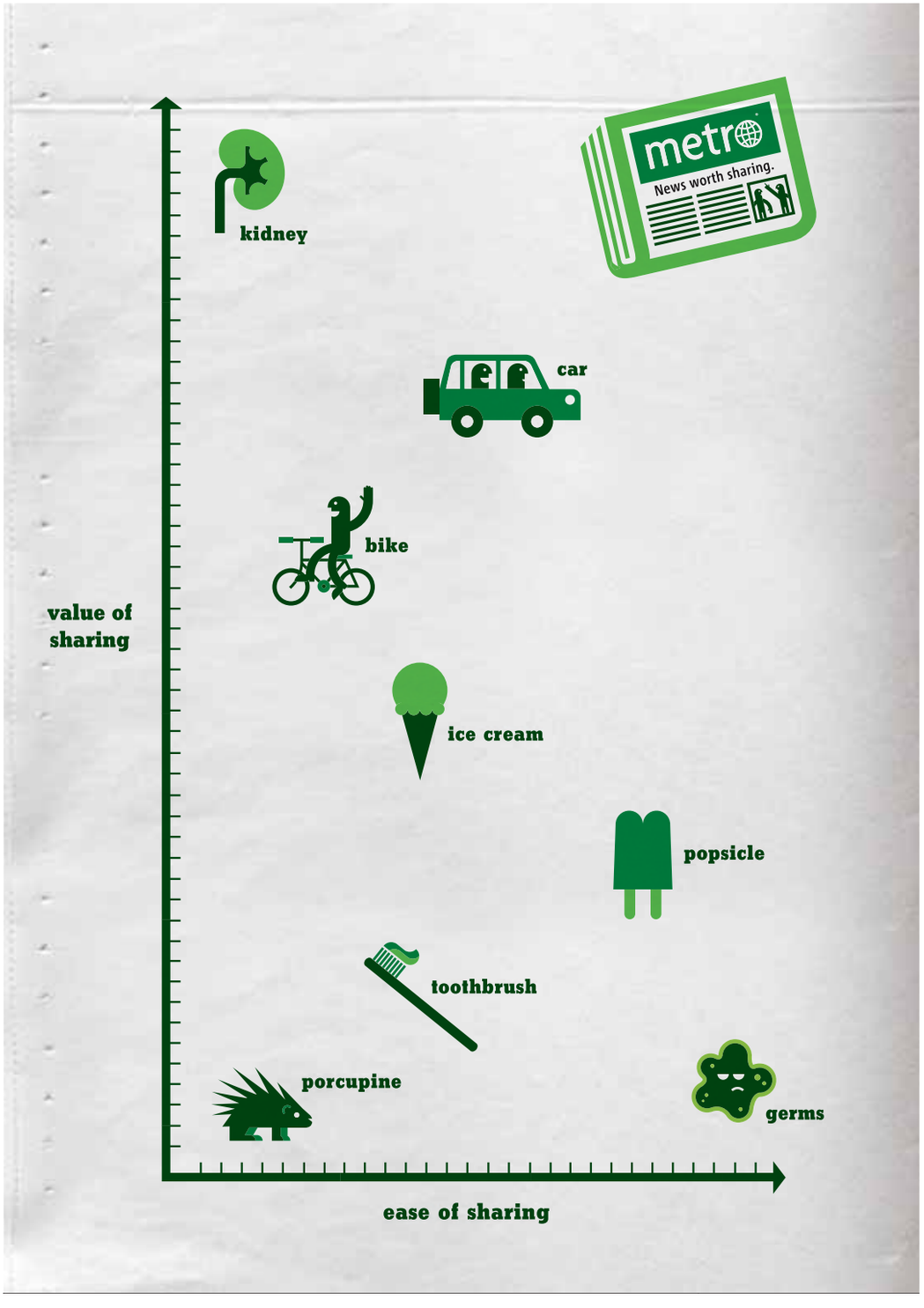

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Did Gibson put a hit out on ex-girlfriend?

Mel Gibson still has a lot of anger toward ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva — and has threatened to have her killed, according to a nine-page letter from screenwriter Joe Eszterhas to Gibson that was leaked to the Wrap.

"'I want that c---- gone!' you screamed," Eszterhas recounts in the letter.

"'I'm going to get rid of her. No one will ever know! I'm not going to live this way the rest of my life! She's poisoning (my daughter) against me! She is evil! They worship the devil where she came from. She's going to disappear! Gone!'" Eszterhas also contends in the letter that the project they were collaborating on, The Maccabees, was scrapped because of Gibson's anti-Semitism.

"I've come to the conclusion that the reason you won't make The Maccabees is the ugliest possible one. You hate Jews," he writes. Gibson has responded with his own letter to Eszterhas, leaked to Deadline: "I will acknowledge like most creative people I am passionate and intense," Gibson writes, but counters that "the decision not to proceed with you was based on the quality of your script, not on any other factor."

Twitter

@kathygriffin
good God It's great that these celebs r so committed to doing DWTS, but going to the hospital? WTF? How bout just a nice hokey pokey, people?

@ActuallyNPH
I adore Amy Sedaris. Just watched her as the Tooth Fairy on Yo Gabba Gabba. She's maybe the coolest chick around. That's all.

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The Word

Not quite a bed of Roses

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Following speculation that there would be a reunion of the original lineup of Guns N' Roses at the band's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday, Axl Rose fired off an open letter to the Los Angeles Times, saying in no uncertain terms that not only was a reunion out of the question, but he doesn't even want to be inducted.

"I respectfully decline my induction as a member of Guns N' Roses to the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame," he wrote in the 1,000-plus word letter. He then went on to "strongly request" that he not be inducted in absentia.

"Please know that no one is authorized nor may anyone be permitted to accept any induction for me or speak on my behalf."

OK, that certainly sounds like he's taking his ball and going home, doesn't it?

"No one's taking the ball and going home. Don't get it twisted," he wrote.

Oops, I guess we jumped the Gun there.

Rose's letter goes on to rant about the greed of the music industry, the irresponsibility of the media (hey, we retracted our ball-and-going-home allegation) and sincerely thanks the Hall of Fame and fans.

What it boils down to, "This decision is personal," he said,

It's only hard to begrudge Rose's decision because that original lineup not only sounded great, but there really hasn't been a cooler-looking group of dudes playing hard rock since the original lineup.

OK, maybe Velvet Revolver looked as cool, because Slash played in that band too, but they had no Paradise City.

Spears on X-Factor: Report

Britney Spears is reportedly close to a deal to join the U.S. version of The X Factor as a judge, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Though the singer is said to have passed on a previous $10 million offer, negotiations have reportedly brought the price up to $15 million.

Spears would join the televised singing competition in the fall, settling in next to fellow judges L.A. Reid and Simon Cowell, who is also an executive producer.

Anthony files for divorce

After separating from wife Jennifer Lopez last July, Marc Anthony has finally made it official by filing for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to Hollyscoop.

Anthony is reportedly seeking joint legal and physical custody of their four-year-old twins, Max and Emma, and Anthony does not want to provide Lopez with any spousal support. The filing reportedly mandates that both parties pay their own legal fees as well.

Marc Anthony

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This recipe makes one loaf, about 16 slices. ISTOCK

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Banana Loaf. The hint of vanilla will keep you coming back for more

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Banana loaf is perfect for an afternoon snack or part of your morning breakfast.

Warm it in the microwave for a fresh out of the oven taste then use it the next day for a very tasty french toast!

1. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Then set these ingredients aside.

2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Stir in mashed bananas and sour cream. Add flour mixture to banana mixture and stir to moisten. Add walnuts if using and stir to combine.

3. Scrape into 8 x 4 inch (1.5 L) loaf pan and bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 1 hour or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean.

4. Let cool in pan on rack. Remove from pan and let cool completely on rack.

Tips

- **Flour.** If you don't have both all purpose and whole wheat flours, simply use one throughout the recipe. You can also try the nutri-blend flour that has added bran.
- **Storage.** Wrap loaf whole or in quarters in plastic wrap and in heavy-duty foil, and freeze up to two weeks. Wrap loaf in plastic wrap and keep at room temperature for up to three days.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sour cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) toasted chopped walnuts (optional)

Liquid Assets

Hitting hot spots in the wine world

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Even though I've been to amazing places around the wine world, I'm still surprised at the number of obvious hot spots I've never seen in real life.

While travelling in Northern Italy this week, I finally found myself in Piedmont — home of high fashion, truffles and wines made with the nebbiolo grape. Sadly, nebbiolo rarely comes cheap with its two most famous offspring — the vino from Barolo and Barbaresco — commanding prices that start somewhere around $40 a bottle.

That isn't to say you can't drink Piedmont on a budget. Though growing in nebbiolo's shadow, barbera is the third most cultivated grape in Italy. Barbera typically produces balanced, fruit-driven wines with vineyards in the Piedmontese sub-regions of Asti and Alba, its preferred geography.

Though Asti is the same place the famous sweet sparkling wine comes from, Bersano's 2009 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti ($11.95 - $14.99) is a full-bodied, yet seductive red that, while nowhere near the weight of a Barolo, still commands a dark fruited presence in the glass.

I love this style of wine with earthier pasta sauces.

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SPORTS

Canucks preview

Los Angeles at Vancouver Friday, 7 p.m. (CBC)

The Canucks (0-1) hope to bounce back against the Kings (1-0) in Game 2 of their Western Conference quarter-final. L.A. surprised the Presidents' Trophy winners in Game 1 with a 4-2 victory on Wednesday. Vancouver will need to contain L.A. forward Mike Richards to get the win — he had a goal and two assists in the first game of the series.

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"We don't have the personnel to get back at Weber, so we might as well get on with that."

Detroit coach Mike Babcock, who says he worked out any ill feelings over Nashville defenceman Shea Weber being fined for slamming Henrik Zetterberg's head into the glass at the end of Game 1. A hard-fought series was expected between these Central Division teams separated by only two points over the 82-game regular season, and the Predators stoked the rivalry Wednesday with a 3-2 win marked by 17 combined penalties between the NHL's least-penalized teams.

On the web

Kurt Angle, who won wrestling gold in Atlanta in 1996 before becoming famous in WWE, was forced to end his improbable attempt to make the U.S. team for the London Olympics due to a string of injuries. Scan the code for the story.

Los Angeles captain Dustin Brown, right, is congratulated by teammates after scoring Wednesday night in Vancouver. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Kings have Canucks seeking answers

NHL. One game does not make a series, says Canucks veteran goaltender Luongo

Vancouver Canucks coach Alain Vigneault thought he had an answer to stopping the Los Angeles Kings when he pitted centre Ryan Kesler against Anze Kopitar in the first game of their quarter-final series.

He may be rethinking that plan for Game 2.

"I'm not sure I like that matchup," Vigneault said Thursday, drawing chuckles. "I'm going to think about that again."

It's just one of many angles that Vigneault will explore in a series that has no shortage of them — on or off the ice — as the Kings try to build on their 1-0 series lead in Friday's second game.

The Canucks are seeking solutions following an upset 4-2 loss to the Kings in Game 1 on Wednesday. Vancouver finished first overall in the NHL while the Kings placed eighth in the Western Conference after only securing a playoff berth with three games to go.

"We need to have an answer for Kopitar's line," Vigneault said. "They were real effective (Wednesday) night, generated numerous amounts of chances. We need to have an answer for (Dustin) Penner, who was a powerful force down in our own end. And we need to have an answer for (Mike) Richards, who played one of the best games I've seen him play since he's been in L.A. Not just offensively, but physically also.... We're going to have to come up with some answers."

After struggling to score most of the season, the Kings are starting to roll offensively. Richards emerged as a catalyst in Game 1, producing a goal and two assists after he struggled much of the season. He went 26 games without a goal during the regular season and saw his production fall 22 points to 44 from 66 in 2010-11.

With three more wins necessary before the Kings can claim the series, Richards downplayed the effort Thursday. But he still expressed faith in his abilities despite his difficult season.

"I've never lost confidence in myself," Richards said.

It remains to be seen how much swagger the Canucks can regain, pending any distracting off-ice incidents.

Canucks winger Byron Bitz was suspended two games for hitting Kings winger Kyle Clifford head-first into the glass in the second period Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Kings apologized for a tweet on the team's Twitter site that mocked the Canucks' perceived lack of popularity outside B.C.

In other words, the best-of-seven series has not gone according to the script that says the Canucks should win on the basis of their regular-season record and recent playoff history with the Kings.

Still, Vancouver goaltender Roberto Luongo downplayed the significance of the Kings' opening win.

"It's one game," he said. "It's a four-out-of-seven. It's not who wins the first game. We're a team that knows how to respond to different situations."

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Bitz banned

Byron Bitz's clean disciplinary record helped his cause, but it didn't keep him from getting a suspension.

- The Canucks winger received a two-game ban Thursday for a hit to the head on Los Angeles Kings winger Kyle Clifford in the first game of their Western Conference quarter-final Wednesday night.
- Bitz hit Clifford from behind 12:12 into the second period, putting his shoulder into the Kings forward's shoulder and head. The hit drove Clifford's head into the glass.
- Bitz was assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for boarding by in-game officials. The Kings scored during the penalty.
- Bitz has never been fined or suspended in his three-year career in the league. The decision came down after Bitz participated in a disciplinary review by telephone Thursday.
- "I had no intention of hurting anybody," Bitz said. "That's not the way I play. It was an unfortunate play. The referees made the call, and it cost my team a goal — so it's my fault."

NHL

Brent Sutter out as Flames coach

The Calgary Flames are looking for a new coach.

Brent Sutter agreed to part way with the NHL team after three seasons, according to a release from the Flames on Thursday.

The decision came after a meeting between Sutter and general manager Jay Feaster. Sutter's contract was due to expire at the end of June.

"Brent and I explored many options and ultimately determined that it is best to proceed in different directions," said Feaster. "Brent is a great person and an excellent hockey coach."

The Flames narrowly missed the playoffs in all three seasons under Sutter, compiling a 118-90-38 record overall.

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Brent Sutter RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Flyers-Penguins

NHL not happy with missed call

Colin Campbell feels the pain of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The NHL's senior executive vice-president of hockey operations acknowledged Thursday that linesman Tony Sericolo erred in not whistling a play dead prior to Danny Briere's first goal in the opening game of the Penguins-Flyers series.

"There's no other way to explain it but a missed call," Campbell told The Canadian Press in an interview. "We're as upset as Pittsburgh, almost. It's a mistake."

Briere scored Philadelphia's first goal on Wednesday after being sent in on a breakaway. Replays showed that Briere was a couple feet offside.

The play started a big comeback for the Flyers, who erased a three-goal deficit and beat Pittsburgh 4-3 in overtime. However, the Penguins refused to use it as an excuse for their collapse.

"That's not why we lost the game," coach Dan Bylsma said immediately afterwards.

Added captain Sidney Crosby on Thursday: "It affected the game, but at the end of the day worrying about it or thinking about it is not going to change anything. It's over."

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NHL. Sharks sink Blues 3-2 in double overtime

Martin Havlat scored his second goal of the game 3:34 into the second overtime, giving the San Jose Sharks a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues in Game 1 of their playoff series Thursday night.

Andrew Desjardins tied it for San Jose with 5:16 in regulation, banging in a one-timer from the slot from Tommy Wingels, and Dan Boyle had two assists. Antti Niemi, who won a Stanley Cup with Chicago in 2010, made 40 saves.

Patrik Berglund scored his first two career playoff goals in the third period for the Blues, the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

St. Louis swept the regular-season series 4-0 for the first time since 1994-95 and lost only six games in regulation at home during the regular season.

The Blues dropped the last two, however, to Phoenix and Columbus after clinching the Central Division.

While the Blues struggled at the finish of the regular season, going 4-4-3, the Sharks won four in a row and seven of nine.

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Game 2

- Game 2 is Saturday night in St. Louis, and the Blues will be seeking their first post-season victory since 2004.

NHL

Rangers beat Sens in Game 1

Marian Gaborik and Brian Boyle scored minutes apart in the second period to break open a tight game, and the top-seeded New York Rangers opened their first-round Eastern Conference series with a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

The Rangers, the No. 1 seed in the East, shook off their 1-2-1 regular-season mark against the Senators and easily dispatched them in Game 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bruins beat Capitals in OT

NHL. Boston gets 1-0 win in quest to become repeat champions

The Bruins' Tim Thomas stops a shot by the Capitals' Nicklas Backstrom in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Thursday in Boston. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Chris Kelly scored on a long slap shot 1:18 into overtime and the defending Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins beat the Washington Capitals 1-0 Thursday night in the opener of their first-round playoff series.

Braden Holtby made 29 saves for the Capitals.

Tim Thomas stopped all 17 shots he faced for Boston.

The game was physical and scoreless until Thomas turned back a Washington attack early in the extra period. Brian Rolston dropped it for Benoit Pouliot to clear the zone and he pushed it up to Kelly, who slapped it over Holtby's glove for the game-winner.

The reigning Vezina and Conn Smythe Trophy-winner, Thomas had an easy game for much of the night, including a middle period in which Washington managed just two shots on goal.

Instead, the goaltending star was Holtby, a third-stringer making his playoff debut because Tomas Vokoun and Michal Neuvirth were injured. But he kept Washington in the game while the Bruins peppered him with shots.

After Holtby was beaten for the one and only time, Washington star Alex Ovechkin consoled him on the ice before heading to the locker-room.

Meanwhile, the Bruins celebrated their first victory in their quest to become the first repeat Stanley Cup champions since the Detroit Red Wings in 1997-98. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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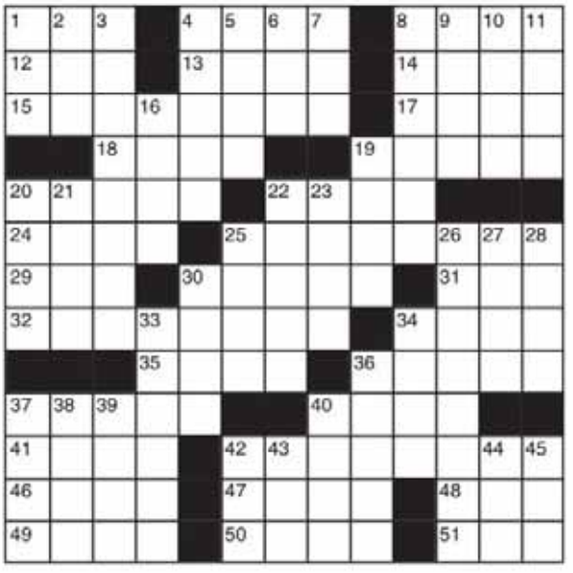
Crossword

Across

1 Ump
4 Spat
8 Walk of Fame emblem
12 Eggs
13 Lotion additive
14 Quasimodo's creator
15 Author Peter
17 Piccadilly statue
18 New Mexico art colony
19 Shabby
20 Polished
22 Bat a gnat
24 Being, to Brutus
25 TV host Peter
29 Island souvenir
30 Cobbler's supply
31 Halloween shout
32 Singer Peter
34 Machu Picchu's site
35 Normandy city
36 Attuned
37 Marshlike
40 Antitoxins
41 Bloodhound's clue
42 Late newsman Peter
46 1492 craft
47 "Zounds!"
48 Bill's partner
49 Recognized
50 Take-out phrase
51 Eternity

Down

1 Filch
2 Prior night
3 Disney classic
4 California-Nevada lake
5 Afflictions
6 Adversary
7 "SNL" alumna Tina
8 Scabbard
9 Swerve
10 Enthusiastic
11 Optimistic
16 Yogi Bear's home
19 Factor in Einstein's equation
20 "To thine own — be true"
21 Internet surfer
22 Beauty parlor
23 Small songbird
25 Speck
26 Temporary inactivity
27 Traditional tales
28 Stentorian
30 Fix, in a sense
33 Dr. Phil
34 Graceful young woman
36 Japanese fencing
37 Hit
38 Valhalla VIP
39 Vanished
40 Sweater woe
42 Lustrous black
43 Freudian concept
44 Sticky stuff
45 Heir, often



Sudoku

	6	9		1	4	8		
	1				8			6
			2	6				
		8				9	3	
			5		9			
	7	3				6		
				9	1			
4			6				7	
		7	4	8		3	2	

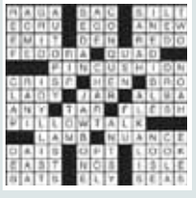
How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	3	9	2	6	7	1	5
2	7	6	5	1	4	3	9	8
1	9	5	3	7	8	6	2	4
5	6	8	1	9	2	4	7	3
4	3	1	7	6	5	9	8	2
9	2	7	4	8	3	5	6	1
6	5	9	2	4	1	8	3	7
7	1	4	8	3	9	2	5	6
3	8	2	6	5	7	1	4	9

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

U Y J G D V R U V K D I E I V E

D S U U B U S K V E B J J V G R S K J V Z M

O S S M J E Y O O O K S U J I B B T :

"E V K J V Z M E K G T B J O S K B X B K ."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A ROBOT IS VERY ABSORBED IN VIEWING SOMETHING, MIGHT ONE SAY ITS EYES ARE RIVETED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. It may be Friday the 13th but don't be afraid to take a few chances.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be short of self-belief at the moment but your confidence will soar when you realize there is little, if anything, to fear.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Use the morning to get your thoughts together and make plans, then act quickly and decisively in the after noon hours.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Question everything you're told today — not just things that are suspect but even things you have no reason to be suspicious of.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Being the nice guy you are, you tend to give people the benefit of the doubt. Today, don't risk your money on other people's promises.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Do you knock off early or get as much work done as possible? Knuckle down now, then enjoy the weekend.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Loved ones feel a little left out of things at the moment, so find out what it is they need from you and give it to them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Some tasks can be safely ignored today and some tasks need to be dealt with straight away.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Don't come across too eager on the work front today because that will make you look desperate and put you at a disadvantage.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Try not to let minor fears become major anxieties today. Be positive, and life will be positive too.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You seem to believe a simple problem must have a complicated solution. Stand back from the situation and see it for what it really is.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you want to change your world for the better you have got to take action, and soon. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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"Umbrella or giant teacup? Wait... somewhere this is called fashion..." Kendra

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INCLUDES accom near theme parks. Price per person based on family of 4. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $9 per night. **ADD** 3-day *Disneyland* Resort *Park Hopper* Bonus Ticket from $193/adult, $178/child (ages 3-9). **BOOK** this package based on double occupancy from $239.

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